

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
Marine City Area Fire Authority Hall, 200 S. Parker St., Marine City, MI 48039

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Simons at 7:00 pm.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Present – Marine City Representatives; Vice-Chair Lisa Hendrick, Treasurer Steve McConnell and Mark Posey. Cottrellville Township Representative; Tom Whitenight. East China Representatives; Chairman Larry Simons and Don Beaudua. China Township Representatives; Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust. Also present were Asst. Fire Chief David Vandenbossche and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Cottrellville Township Representative Mary Agnes Simons was absent and excused.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. A/A MC

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Hendrick, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to accept the previous meeting and public hearing minutes on April 20ht, 2016 as presented with the addition of Mark Posey added to the roll call. He was present for both meetings. Roll Call vote was taken. A/A MC

7. Public Comment

None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche reviewed Chief Slankster's report. Larry Simons asked about the Motorola radio issue. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche explained that Motorola was discontinuing the current system and a new system and radios were needed. He also advised that the firefighters purchased 2 new radios from their own funds. He also advised that he was on the SCC Fire Chief's Communication Committee and they were working on a County proposal with consultant Bob Currier.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Jennifer Vandenbossche reviewed the different insurance policies that were presented for approval. Steve McConnell, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to approve the property and liability coverage as proposed by Burnham and Flowers for \$11, 954.00 and the accident policy from Nickel and Saph for \$289.00. A Roll Call vote was taken. A/A MC

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Board reviewed the agreement Maintenance Agreement plan as presented by the City of Marine City per the DEQ requirements. There was discussion on what the Fire Authority would have to pay regarding any maintenance. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to approve signing the agreement as presented. A/A MC

b. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche reviewed the Personnel Action Forms as completed by Chief Slankster. The requests were based on merits and milestones of the firefighters within the already approved wage guidelines. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the proposed action due to seniority time and certifications. A/A MC

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Lisa Hendrick discussed the water rate increase. The City advised that manual entries into the software were incorrect. There was follow up discussion about being billed for water when the City is using the station for multiple meetings and events. Larry Simons and Lisa Hendrick discussed talking to the City Manager for a reduction in the water bill because of City usage. Don Beaudua, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$35, 152.54. Roll call vote taken. A/A MC

b. Julia Rust, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to approve the Balance sheet. A/A MC

c. Larry Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to accept and file. A/A MC

d. Larry Simons reviewed Budget Resolution 2016-1 as proposed. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Larry Simons, made a motion to adopt the 2016-01 Resolutions. A/A MC

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Don Beaudua – none.

Mark Posey – none.

Steve McConnell advised that he did some research on the cost of having someone here at the station for 8 hours a day. St. Clair Area Fire Authority advised that they pay \$35,000 a year to have someone at the station 8 hours a day; 5 days a week to help cover for calls. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that we are treading water now but would need to look at something like that in the future and they do discuss response availability with applicants during their interview.

Julia Rust advised that everyone was doing a good job.

Lisa Hendrick advised that everyone was doing a good job.

Linda Schwehofer advised that the firefighters did a good job at a recent fire. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that the fire was under investigation.

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked the Board for their continued support.

Tom Whitenight advised that he wanted to look into getting Accumed reimbursement handled directly by the communities to eliminate the Authority having to be in the middle. Larry Simons asked Jennifer Vandenbossche to get a copy of the By-Laws and contract for Accumed.

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche – none.

Larry Simons advised that they will be painting the hydrants yellow and blue in East China. There was a follow up discussion on water lines in the municipalities

13. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to adjourn. A/A MC

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting is set for August 17, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator