

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, August 17, 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 Representatives; Tom Whitenight and Mary Agnes Simons. East China Representatives; Chairman Larry Simons and Don Beaudua. China Township Representatives; Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust. Also present were Fire Chief Joseph Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Slankster gave an overview of the approx. \$4,000 savings from our workman's comp insurance.

Chief Slankster reviewed the invoice from the DTE fire that was requested from the SCC Office Emergency Management and Homeland Security. He and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche then discussed all of the community support that was received during the incident.

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche gave a radio update and discussed the pager article in the Times Herald.

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Chief Slankster discussed adding add new item 10a. Larry Simons requested to add new item 10a. for discussion on Loren Black, Jr.

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to approve an amended agenda with the added item of 10a. for Loren Black, Jr. discussion. A/A M/C

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Beaudua, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes on June 15th, 2016 as presented. A/A M/C

7. Public Comment

None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his submitted report.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Chief Slankster advised that the MC DPW assisted with some of the parking lot maintenance in exchange for assistance that we provided them with spraying. He requested that we be able to use some of the funds saved from the DPW's help with the parking lot to purchase additional radios that were needed from Motorola. He asked to approve a quote from Motorola for \$16, 102.13 which included radios and programming maintenance fees and waive the competitive bid. The also includes a rebate as long as the radios were purchased before October, 26, 2016. He also asked to use the remainder of the parking lot funds to purchase fire hose. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to waive the competitive bid and purchase radios from Motorola. Roll Call A/A M/C

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve purchasing from the quote from Motorola for \$16, 102.13. Roll call A/A M/C

b. Chief Slankster advised that 12 air tanks have expired and would not approve them to be reused. He advised that there was money in the budget and requested to purchase 5 new tanks from our usual supplier, Apollo Fire. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to purchase the new air tanks from Apollo Fire. A/A M/C

c. Chief Slankster discussed the Accumed contract. He advised that the Authority would need to provide them with a 30-day notice of termination and then there would be a 90 clearing period to process any payments and clear billing. The Authority had a discussion on the billing processes, Accumed's amount of work for collecting their percentage and who is liable for certain fees in case of bounced checks, etc. It was also discussed about the extra time it takes to process payments, paperwork, auditing, etc. The board discussed Chief Slankster providing the municipalities the same billing information that he gave Accumed and they could bill themselves or possibly use another method and save on fees and Authority time. Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion for the MCAFA to opt out of the Accumed contract. A/A M/C Chief Slankster advised that notice would be sent to Accumed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Slankster advised that retiree Loren Black, Jr. requested to come back to the Authority as a driver for calls. He would still need to keep up on his certifications and MFR. He requested that he be reinstated to be able to return coming back for calls. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Julia Rust, made a motion for Loren Black, Jr. to active member status. A/A M/C

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Don Beaudua, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$71,739.20. Roll call A/A M/C

b. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to accept and file the balance sheet. A/A M/C

c. Tom Whitenight, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to accept and file the '16-'17 fiscal year revenue and finance statement. A/A M/C

d. Julia Rust, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to accept and file the '15-'16 fiscal year revenue and finance statement. A/A M/C

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Linda Schwehofer commended the firefighters for their wonderful job at the big catastrophe and it was a miracle that nobody was hurt.

Julia Rust – ditto

Mark Posey – ditto

Lisa Hendrick – ditto

Steve McConnell asked about the new stove. Chief Slankster advised that it needs to be ordered. Steve also advised that SC FF Tony Pizzo's name was going on the Roscommon Memorial wall.

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked the board members for their continued support.

Mary Agnes Simons asked what would be done with the expired air tank bottles. Chief Slankster advised that they could not be used by the firefighters in case something happened.

Tom Whitenight advised he had nothing additional.

Chief Slankster thanked the board for waiving the bids to get the radio and hose orders in. He also thanked the firefighters.

Don Beaudua thanked the firefighters for an outstanding job and advised that the people who donated thought the same thing.

Larry Simons reiterated everything that was said about the firefighters. He also appreciated that Asst. Chief Vandenbossche calling East China about the water intake and they were able to coordinate with Marine City and St. Clair. He also stated that the both the MCAFA and SCAFA systems work well and thanked everyone.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Don Beaudua, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to adjourn. A/A MC

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm. The next meeting is set for October 19th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator