

Marine City Area Fire Authority

Minutes of August 20, 2014 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Larry Simons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After pledge of allegiance a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENT: Larry Simon of East China Twp; Steve McConnell, Lisa Hendrick and Mark Posey of Marine City; Julia Rust of China Twp; Tom Whitenight of Cottrellville Twp. Also present Chief Joseph Slankster and Finance Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

ABSENT: Linda Schwehofer of China Twp, Kelly Lisco of Cottrellville Twp and Don Beaudua. Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell to excuse Linda, Kelly and Don. A/A M/C

COMMUNICATIONS: A Thank You letter was received from Nickel & Saph Insurance Company thanking the authority for their past patronage.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Julia Rust to approve agenda as presented. A/A M/C

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting as presented. A/A M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Report was received and will be placed on file. He added that 5 probationary members were signed up for Fire 1 and 2 classes in Marysville. Larry mentioned there was a China Twp run that was billed to East China. Chief Slankster will correct. The concrete was completed to satisfaction as well as an additional repair which was required. Board members were called to approve the additional cost even though it was under the threshold in which the Chief has authority to spend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Comcast and Hi Tech were contacted regarding the new phone and voicemail system. Comcast would not touch it and Hi Tech would honor their quote from 9/13/13. There was discussion regarding how the station was originally wired and what would be done to replace the current system as well as keep the items such as the overhead paging and the bell in bay. The affect on the budget was also discussed. Motion by Steve McConnell and supported by Tom Whitenight to approve the Bid from Hi-Tech for \$4,879.76 to upgrade the phone system. A/A M/C

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Julia Rust, supported by Steve McConnell to approve the new hire Personnel Action Forms for Zachary Charbeneau with no certifications at \$8 and Kevin Gettel , Paramedic at \$9 hr. In addition, one firefighter left willing and another firefighter was terminated due to lack of participation. A/A M/C

FINANCIAL BUSINESS: Julia Rust questioned the missing check numbers. Jennifer stated those are the next period's payroll checks. Motion by Lisa Hendrick and supported by Tom Whitenight to approve the disbursements of \$94,629.83 including payroll. A/A M/C

Julia Rust asked what the Accounts Receivable balance was made up of. Jennifer stated it was townships that had not paid as of the July 31, 2014 statement date. All are now paid. Motion by Larry Simons and supported by Steve McConnell to approve the Financial Statements. A/A M/C

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Steve: He is going to Roscommon in September for the Fireman's Memorial Ceremony and wondered if there were any ideas about a new truck.

Mark: Commented on how well Jennifer is taking care of the flowers in front of the building.

Lisa: None

Julia: Nothing

Jennifer: Someone had asked about the costs of the flowers and she told them Vandebossche Farms donated the flowers, soil and fertilizer.

Tom: Nothing

Joe: Truck committee is headed by Dave Vandebossche and will be going up to the Memorial to look at trucks. He will bring back brochures for committee to look at. He will be contacting Zimmer and Tri Star regarding the roof repairs. Kelly called and when he returned the call, the secretary told him her son was in ICU. Jennifer will be getting a card out to her.

Larry: The Fire department is doing a great job. He observed them on Sunday at the float down.

Joe: ISO rating Insurance guy was here for two days when it was originally supposed to be for a couple hours. Everything looked good and there were improvements. The ISO ratings will go to the township supervisors in about four months. The department will be doing a tanker water shuttle in Spring. It is up to ISO to determine the location. Algonac and St Clair's trucks can be used due to mutual aid agreement. There was discussion regarding a sub station in China Township and how it would affect the ISO rating. Employee training goes into rate calculation. The last ISO rating was done 19 years ago.

Dave: Michigan Autism Safety Training on Tuesday August 26 at 6:30 at Fire Department to expand knowledge of autism and to acquire information on how to effectively interact with these individuals.

Lisa: Asked about the bus extrication training that took place. Chief explained how well it went.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lisa Hendrick supported by Mark Posey to adjourn at 7:52. A/A M/C

Next meeting October 15, 2014 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Rust, Acting Secretary