

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, February 15th, 2017 @ 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 7:01 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 Representative; Chairman Larry Simons. China Township Representative; Secretary Linda Schwehofer. Also present were Fire Chief Joseph Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

China Township representative Julia Rust and East China representative Don Beaudua were absent due to other township business. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to excuse their absence. A/A M/C

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Slankster reviewed a letter from the MML suggesting we add EKG testing to the firefighter's annual physical testing.

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A/A M/C

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve McConnell, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes on December 14th, 2016 as presented. A/A M/C

7. Public Comment

None.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his submitted report. He then discussed sending firefighter Kyle Adams to Fire Investigator training for two weeks in April at the State Fire Investigator school in Tustin. There is money in the budget to also cover his lodging expense.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tom Whitenight, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to re-select Board officers to their current positions for 2017. A/A M/C

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Tom Whitenight, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$45,789.02. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

b. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to accept and file the Balance sheet / Finance statement. A/A M/C

c. Larry Simons asked about the water bill from the City of Marine City. The Board discussed previous meetings with the City Manager about the increase and exchange of services. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick made a motion to receive and file the Revenue/Expenditures statement.
A/A M/C

d. The Board reviewed the Fiscal Yr. '17 – '18 Proposed Budget draft. The Budget Committee will be Julia Rust, Steve McConnell, Tom Whitenight and Larry Simons. The committee will meet on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 at 10:00am.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mark Posey advised that everything was going great and had a question about recent runs.

Steve McConnell advised that everything was going great.

Lisa Hendrick asked about the status of the radios. Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that the County was still scheduled to go online with the new radios and pagers in mid-March. He then reviewed the new pagers. Lisa then asked about the sirens and both Chief Slankster and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that they were working at this time. Lisa then discussed considering a new Hoyer portable lift device for the next budget to assist firefighters. She also advised the Fireman's Ball went well.

Linda Schwehofer thanked all the firefighters and that Chief Slankster and Jennifer Vandenbossche were for doing a great job working together. She also discussed having a Cost Recovery ordinance for the township.

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked the Board for their support.

Mary Agnes Simons thanked Chief Slankster, Asst. Chief Vandenbossche and Jennifer Vandenbossche for their work.

Tom Whitenight advised that everyone was doing a good.

Chief Slankster thanked the Board for their support and advised that it was a good Fireman's Ball. He also advised that the firefighters would be doing some extra cleaning and clearing out of the fire station and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche could bring a dumpster to use for some of the stuff. and that he could put some of the stuff on Facebook for anyone who may want to have it for restoration use. He also advised that the new stove was hooked up and working and that the firefighters bought a new refrigerator for the station and donated it to the authority. The seals were shot in the old refrigerator.

Lisa Hendrick asked about budgeting for more chairs.

Larry Simons then asked about staffing and response with a full time firefighter.

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche advised that he did a walk-through review of the old City Hall building with 2 Fire Inspectors and made a list of what needed to be done for safety.

The Budget Public Hearing and next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th, 2017.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Hendrick, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to adjourn. A/A M/C
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator