

Marine City Area Fire Authority

Minutes of February 18, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Larry Simons at 7:00 p.m. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Mark Posey, Steve McConnell and Lisa Hendricks of Marine City; Larry Simons and Don Beaudua of East China Township; Julia Rust and Linda Schwehofer of China Township and Tom Whitenight of Cottrellville Township.

Absent: Kelly Fiscelli of Cottrellville Township.

Communications: A motion was made by Lisa Hendricks, supported by Steve McConnell to accept and file letter from attorney re: Oshkosh Capital. A/A M/C.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendricks to accept agenda with 3 additions: Under Unfinished Business, item d. Roof Discussion Under New Business: item d. ADA requirements and item e. Cooler in kitchen. A/A M/C

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Don Beaudua, supported by Lisa Hendricks to approve minutes of the December 17, 2014, regular meeting and the minutes of Special Meeting of January 21, 2015. A/A M/C.

Public Comment: None

Chief's Report: We received and filed the report presented by Chief Slankster.

Unfinished Business: a. Chief's Wage Review His pay at this time is at \$22,800, not to exceed \$26,000. After considerable discussion it was concluded that we will see if we can get it to hit the Budget. Start discussion with the Budget Committee and work it into the June Budget.

b. Engine 1, water tank update: Chief recommends that we hold off on the body work, around \$800, since a hole has been discovered in the tank. There is a lifetime warranty on the tank, however the labor is not covered; roughly \$2,000. The company comes once a year to this area and the work can be done in-house. Chief Slankster will keep us up-dated.

c. New Tanker Truck up-dates: The truck has now arrived in Wixom. They were waiting to deliver until down payment was received. The side tank has been ordered. The Chief and some others will go to inspect. There will be some free training that goes along with it.

d. Roof Discussion: Chief called a month ago. The material has been ordered and available. First it was a snow problem holding us up, now they are waiting on the snow and ice to thaw. In the meantime a new leak has been discovered! Chief is on top of it and will keep calling to remind them of the urgency.

New Business: a. Annual Election of MCAFA Board Officers

A motion was made by Don Beaudua, supported by Mark Posey to re-appoint existing Board members. The slate existing of Chairman, Larry Simons; Vice-chair, Lisa Hendricks; Secretary, Linda Schwehofer; and Julia Rust, Treasurer. Linda Schwehofer, current Secretary, expressed her concern that when serving as Secretary it made it more difficult to participate fully and focused.

After discussion a motion was made by Lisa Hendricks, supported by Julia Rust that Jennifer VandenBossche serve as Recording Secretary working in conjunction with Linda Schwehofer, Secretary which would allow more time for greater participation by a voting member. A/A M/C.

b. Request to waive competitive bids for purchase of turn-out gear: Chief Slankster said that they would be getting clothing for new members. In the past they generally get the "hand-me-downs". We have been with Douglas Fire for 10 years and they are a good company. Motion was made by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendricks to allow the Chief to order from Douglas Fire. A Roll Call Vote was taken by all present and voted unanimously. M/C.

c. Water 1 Discussion/Chief: They will be putting the new truck into service. If no township wants to house the old truck they will be putting it out for sealed bid, with \$7,000 as the minimum starting bid. We have had estimates of value anywhere from \$10,000-\$15,000 on the high side to \$8,000 to \$12,000 on the low end. We can put it in the Voice with a picture, as well as utilizing other magazines that take ads, i.e., Fire Magazine Publications.

d. ADA Requirements: Have to be the two parking spots closest to the door. They will be using the back door, marked appropriately on the pavement and a temporary sign set up at the back when meetings are taking place,/voting, etc.

e. Cooler Replacement: Discussion regarding the need to replace the cooler. There is \$1,000 available in fixed along with another \$1,000 from liability line item. Motion made by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell to replace cooler, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000 taking from those areas of the Budget. Roll Call vote was taken by all present. Passed Unanimously.

Financial Business: a. Disbursements through 2-9-15, including Payroll--- \$145,386.73. Motion made Lisa Hendricks, supported by Linda Schwehofer to approve disbursements, including Payroll of \$145,386.73. Roll Call vote was taken by all present. M/C

b. Preliminary Finance Statement/Balance Sheets and Revenue/Expenditures: Julia requested that Jennifer ad, if possible, another column showing percentages used. Motion was made by Lisa Hendricks, supported by Julia Rust to accept and file. A/A M/C.

c. Preliminary 2015/2016 Budget –form a Budget Committee: Discussion regarding various topics; looking at averages for the units, what causes so many extra runs, water line breaks being one of them, Haz-Mat , and animals in distress. So many of the runs due to the severe cold weather we have been experiencing. Motion made by Lisa Hendricks, supported by Mark Posey to form a committee consisting of Tom Whitenight, Steve McConnell, Julia Rust and Larry Simons. A/A M/C. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March

4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Jennifer and the Chief will be available whenever needed.

Board Member Comments:

Mark Posey: Ball was very good. Next Thursday he will be attending a pipeline safety meeting, for emergency aids. He will get on the list and get handouts.

Lisa Hendricks: She hasn't heard the fire sirens this month. She will bring up at the Council meeting. They belong to the City.

Steve McConnell: Ball was excellent. A great job was done by Jennifer and her crew.

Julia Rust: Ditto and she won 2 prizes. She feels that the ticket price should be higher and that they should limit the drink tickets.

Linda Schwehofer: Just really wanted to thank the firefighters for doing such a great job and especially the night of the blizzard when they were fighting the garage fire on Allington Road.

Tom Whitenight: No comments

Chief Slankster: Just wanted to thank the Board for supporting them.

Don Beaudua: Wanted to thank the Departments as a whole and Jennifer.

Jennifer VandenBossche: Trying to get insurance companies to come to our meeting in April. She was able to get the service fees cancelled on the credit card thru North Star. It was a one-time only, however. You will get docked if you don't spend \$5,000 a year. We have 3 cards and each is charged a \$15 fee per year when that doesn't happen. They still felt it was important to have the credit card.

Larry Simons: The Fireman's Ball was good! Thanks everyone. The financials are all looking good, as well.

Adjournment: Motion by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendricks to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. A/A M/C.

Next meeting will be held April 15th at 7:00. Included in the meeting will be the Public Hearing that will take place immediately at 7:00 p.m.

- **Unless a special meeting is needed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Schwehofer, Secretary