

Marine City Area Fire Authority

Minutes of March 19, 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 and Don Beaudua 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 and Kelly Lisco of Cottrellville Twp. Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell to excuse Linda and Kelly. A/A M/C

COMMUNICATIONS: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Tom Whitenight to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting as presented. A/A M/C

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Report was received and will be placed on file. There were no questions for the chief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Larry Simons wanted everyone to know the meeting was being recorded for the replacement secretary in Linda's absence and will be destroyed after taking the minutes. He asked if the moneys were moved from Talmer bank yet. Jennifer Vandenbossche stated she was waiting until budget was approved so the money to be used in the future to buy/lease a truck could be placed in a Certificate of Deposit for a longer term.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Steve McConnell, supported by Lisa Hendrick to approve the new hire Personnel Action Forms for Zachary Cadena who started March 1st and Taylor Myers, who started Feb 26th at \$8.00 hr. A/A M/C The fire department is still 4 under its 35 member allowance and one firefighter will be dismissed due to lack of participation. Larry questioned if community workers were ever used. Chief Slankster stated they were used to wash trucks and paint station and would continue to be used under supervision if the authority approves.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS: Motion by Tom Whitenight, supported by Don Beaudua to approve the disbursements of \$20,556.41 including payroll. A/A M/C

Larry thanked Jennifer and Joe for their hard work on the Budget. The budget was reviewed line by line at the budget committee meeting. There was review and discussion about wages, financial services, truck, helmets and the roof, as well as the costs per city/township units. No action needed to be taken.

The Budget schedule was reviewed noting that the public hearing will be at 7:00 pm on April 16 prior to our regular board meeting. Jennifer will place the notice in the paper and copies of the budget will be available at each township as well as on the MCFA website.

Jennifer stated she will be reviewing this year's budget for any line item changes that may have to be made and will report at our next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Don: Nothing

Steve: The Meeting with St Clair Fire Authority is April 22nd at 6:30 at the Voyager Restaurant. Due to all the cold weather, asked if the furnace had been checked. Chief stated it is done every 6 months.

Mark: Nothing

Julia: Requested that in addition to the disbursements that we also be provided with a balance sheet/financial statement along with the budget.

Lisa: Nothing

Jennifer: Wanted to thank everyone for their patience through her learning process.

Tom: Apologized for being unable to attend budget Committee meeting, he had a sprained ankle. However, he reviewed the budget and said everyone did a wonderful job.

Joe: At Officers Meeting, it was discussed they would like to have work shirts that would identify them as with Marine City Fire Department so residents would recognize them when coming into their homes. It was requested he gather information regarding costs and specifications and bring it to the next board meeting. Also, the MC Fire Dept received a resolution from Yale City Counsel for their mutual aid assistance with the fire they had in their downtown.

Larry: Thanked Jennifer and Joe and the whole authority for making it over hurdles these last couple years and the authority is working very well together.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lisa supported by Don to adjourn at 7:35. A/A M/C

Next meeting April 16, 2014 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Rust

Acting Secretary