

Marine City Area Fire Authority
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

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

There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Present – Marine City Representatives; Vice-Chairman Lisa Hendrick, Treasurer Steve McConnell and Mark Posey. Cottrellville Township Representative; Tom Whitenight. East China Representatives; Chairman Larry Simons and Don Beaudua. China Township Representatives – Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust.

Also present were Fire Chief Joe Slankster and Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Cottrellville Representative; Kelly Fiscelli was absent.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Lisa Hendrick, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to approve the agenda. A/A M/C

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Vandenbossche advised that she was already aware of the change needed for Mark Posey's name in Roll Call. Julia Rust advised that the time needed to be changed for the Call to Order to 7:00pm and in her Board comments to change it to 'scraps' instead of 'cracks'. Linda Schwehofer made a motion, supported by Lisa Hendrick, to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting on April 15th, 2015 as corrected. A/A M/C

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Joseph Slankster read his submitted report.

Larry Simons discussed a meeting that he and Linda Schwehofer were at with Jeff Friedland from Emergency Management and they discussed the County HazMat Team manpower issues. There was further discussion about many State and other various mandates that makes volunteering for the team difficult.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Larry Clever gave a presentation on the Liability coverage renewal plan from Burnham and Flowers. Larry Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to approve the renewal

policy as presented and not to include the Act of Terrorism coverage. Roll call vote taken. A/A MC

Larry Clever presented information on policy coverage for the Accidental and Health insurance policy coverage. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approval the renewal coverage of this policy for the 3 year renewal rates with Nickel and Saph with making annual payments to stay within budget. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

b. Chief Slankster advised that he was approached by the Marine City DPW Supervisor and was advised that the outside lights could be replaced at the fire station through a grant with DTE that Marine City is getting, since Marine City still owns the building. There was discussion about the responsibilities of maintenance and replacement at the station based on the City owning the building and the Authority leasing because the Authority has already paid for a lot of station maintenance and roof replacement. He stated that he was supposed to get more information within the next few weeks. Lisa Hendrick advised that she had not received any information yet from Marine City regarding this matter.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Slankster discussed the Personnel Action forms for 5 new members that had passed their FF I & II classes and asked to bring their wages to the appropriate wage amount to \$10.00 on the appropriate time table dates. He also discussed other various certifications that they already had and/or paid for on their own. He also advised that there was enough money in the budget to incur these increases. Julia Rust, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to approve their wage changes on the appropriate dates. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Don Beaudua, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the disbursements, including payroll, in the amount of \$ 81, 731.65. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

b. Julia Rust asked about the new gear that was coming in. Chief Slankster advised that the gear had been ordered for about 2 months and should be in by the end of the budget. Steven McConnell asked about getting new Class A uniforms under the new budget. Chief Slankster advised that uniforms could be looked at for the new budget. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to receive and file. A/A MC

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Don Beaudua – none.

Steve McConnell – none.

Mark Posey advised that he thought the lettering on the new truck and flowers at the station looked great.

Lisa Hendrick advised the same. She also asked if Chief Slankster heard if that other department would be able to use the old equipment. Chief advised that they had not replied and requested anything and we may hold on to it for Explorers. She also asked how the City Board liked the new truck. He advised that they liked it. He also tried to explain how we save to pay for it.

Julia Rust requested to get the substation requirements in writing to show the differences between the substation and full station to show the township board. Chief Slankster advised that he and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche would work on a list of requirements for the township.

Linda Schwehofer thanked the firefighters for everything they do.

Jennifer Vandenbossche advised that the flowers and supplies were donated by Vandenbossche Farms again. She also discussed a MML Workman's Comp. insurance billing error of over \$2,000 that she discovered and the other municipalities that use them should check their billing too.

Tom Whitenight – none.

Chief Slankster advised that he changed to afternoon shifts at his other job. If there was something that he needed to be at the meetings for he would take the night off. If not, Assistant Chief Vandenbossche would attend in his place. He also advised that he received an application for someone who only wanted to run EMS needed calls. He advised that Algonac FD already has an EMS/Fire Support division on their department with qualifications and procedures approved by their attorney. Anyone in this category would not have to be firefighter certified but must have a current medical license of MFR or higher and a current CPR card. He will bring a sample SOG to the next meeting. Larry Simons and Linda Schwehofer discussed needing another CPR class for their townships. They advised that they would get a date together for their employees. Chief Slankster advised that he would be talking the other Officers at the next Board of Control meeting about the EMS/Support position. Lisa Hendrick advised that we should consider the new position. Chief advised that we would bring it to the next meeting for review and possible change to the wage classification scale and we would still not go over the 35 member limit.

Larry Simons thanked Jennifer and Dave for the flowers and the firefighters. He also thanked the Board and feels that the Board is making good decisions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A/A MC. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator