

Marine City Area Fire Authority

Minutes of June 18, 2014

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Larry Simons at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in observance of our fallen heroes.

Present: Larry Simons and Don Beaudua, East China Township; Steve McConnell, Lisa Hendrick and Mark Posey, Marine City; Linda Schwehofer, China Township; Tom Whitenight, Kelly Fiscelli, Cottrellville Township; Absent and excused, Julia Rust, China Township. Also present Chief, Slankster and Jennifer VandenBossche.

Communications: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lisa Hendricks and supported by Kelly Fiscelli to approve as presented. A/A M/C.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Budget Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2014 moved by Don Beaudua and supported by Steve McConnell. A/A M/C.

Public Comment: None

Chief's Report: Report was received and placed on file. In addition the Chief wanted to inform us that one of our new firefighters had to resign because of work schedule conflict. Another member that we had approved had to be informed that he was no longer, due to his lack of attendance. We have 27 members as of this time. Linda Schwehofer asked the Chief to explain what caused our ISO rating to go from a 9-10 to a 6. He explained that due to China and East China sharing the same zip code there had been confusion by insurance companies. East China has all the hydrants, where we have some, (the biggest issue) but not throughout all the township. In addition, response time has a bearing and the fact that there is a difference between full-time and part-time fire fighters/department.

Unfinished Business: None

Insurance Proposals: Presentations were made by both Companies: Nickel and Saph, Inc. our current provider and Burnham and Flower Insurance Group. Steve Saph, Jr. has covered us with his company for 4 years and we have been more than satisfied with their coverage, to their credit. They had actually lowered their cost this year by \$707.00 bringing the contract from \$15,817.00 down to \$15,110. They are rated an A-plus 12.

Larry Clever, of Burnham and Flower made his presentation. His company represents 2,600 public entities and has a large pooled insurance group. Their company represents MTA through their PAR Plan. They are rated an A-plus 15. This plan would cost \$13,087, for a savings of \$2,423.

After listening to both presentations a Motion was made by Kelly Fiscelli, supported by Steve McConnell to accept proposal by Nickel and Saph for \$15,110. Roll call vote was taken and defeated by 6-2. The Ayes were Kelly and Steve; all others were Nays.

Motion was then made by Don Beaudua, supported by Lisa Hendricks to accept the proposal by Burnham and Flower Group for \$12,887 (we dropped one of the terrorist coverages for \$200) making it just a little less, but still have terrorist coverage). Roll Call Vote was taken and passed 6-2. The Nays were Kelly and Steve, the rest were Ayes, causing it to pass.

Steve Saph was thanked by all and it was explained that we had to look at the dollars and encouraged them to both bid again. They are friends and colleagues and parted such!

b. Review and approval of sealed bids for back and front cement slab repair.

This was sent out to 10 different companies and only 3 responded. Bids were opened and reviewed.

	FRONT		BACK
Team Thompson	\$14,227	(Marine City)	\$12,181
J. Currier	\$16,416	(East China)	\$14,208
Dean Furtah	\$20,500	(Cottrellville)	\$17,800

Motion made by Linda Schwehofer to award to Team Thompson, both front and rear cement slab repair for a total of \$26,458. Motion supported by Kelly Fiscelli. Roll Call Vote taken, passed unanimously.

Financial Business: Jennifer Vandebossche reported that wages for part-time changed due to FICA. The dollars had to change to \$30,404.20. Motion was made to change the dollar amount and accept the financial statements, moved by Steve McConnell and supported by Lisa Hendricks. A/A M/C.

Jennifer reported that she has had two meetings with Curtis McBride at the Firehall where they could go over all the records, since they are all now at the fire hall and no longer at City Hall. They talked about changing procedures that will streamline the process. Talmer account is now closed and we are doing business with North Star. Our contact at the bank is Christine McNabb who has assured us that any and all fees or penalties will be waived if we need to access the CD. This is the same courtesy that they offer the St. Clair Area Fire Authority. We have \$109,817.50 in the CD at a rate of 1.3% for 5-years. Last meeting the total disbursements were wrong on the agenda, but right in the minutes. The next budget the Workman's Comp., even though it went up, will be covered in the budget, since we are saving the money by going with Burnham and Flower .

Board Member Comments:

Larry Simons wanted to thank Jennifer for the good job!

Lisa Hendricks: Said that our auditor already said how we are so much more efficient and streamlined already! Asked about the roof repair? Nothing yet? The other guy was way out of line on his pricing. Asked about the phone system upgrade. Chief reported they are waiting to see what monies will be left, first. Also asked Chief about new truck. Was anyone pursuing prices? The Chief will start looking Approx. cost between \$160,000 to \$180,000. Mark Posey and a couple of firefighters will help on this.

Mark Posey: None

Linda Schwehofer: Just wanting to clarify to Steve McConnell when he meets again with St Clair Area Fire Authority that China Township has disbanded the idea of building a fire substation at King Road.

Kelly Fiscelli: Took pictures of the tearing down of the house in her township and burn that they Fire Department did for civic training. She also thanked the Chief for his help with the ISO for their township. Wants to get their ordinance changed regarding getting rid of Medical runs/insurance.

Tom Whitenight: Thanking Jennifer for a good job! Also thanking the Department for the many calls and good job they do. He also wanted to thank the whole board for their good work these past 4 years!

Chief Joe Slankster: He and Curtis McBride talked regarding credit card and that it should be signed off by either Larry or Jennifer, as a precautionary measure for auditing purposes. He also wanted to tell the Board that the emergency drain by the south side of the sewer system has dropped, probably due to the bad winter. Also Steve McConnell found a threatening note by the bottle bin saying they were going to burn it down. He filed a police report regarding same.

Our next meeting will be August 20th. at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Linda Schwehofer to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.. Supported by Lisa Hendricks.
A/A/ M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Schwehofer/Recording Secretary

