

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, June 20, 2018 @ 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 7:00 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 Representatives; Tom Whitenight and Mary Agnes Simons. East China Representative; Larry Simons. China Township Representative; Julia Rust. Also present were Fire Chief Joe Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

East China Township Representative Don Beaudua and China Township Representative Secretary Linda Schwehofer were absent. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to excuse their absence. A/A MC

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. A/A MC

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the previous Public Hearing meeting minutes on April 18, 2018. A/A MC

b. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to approve the previous Regular meeting minutes on April 18, 2018. A/A MC

7. Public Comment

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche discussed the ongoing issues with the fire radios and pagers. There was discussion on the batteries that are now exploding in pagers and packaging even before use. Unication has voided the battery warranties and each battery is about \$50.00 and may need to be changed every year. There are now 7 Chiefs making complaints and have not paid. Attorney Davis discussed the Breach of Contract issues with the ongoing malfunctioning equipment and battery issue.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his report and discussed the radio issues. He also advised that we had received a \$1,000 grant from Enbridge towards a new AED and asked the Board if we could donate an older AED to the police department. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to donate the older AED to the Marine City Police Department. A/A MC

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Attorney Robert Davis discussed some of the changes he was recommending and had some question for the Board regarding entities terminating the agreement. He advised that we were a good example of how an Authority is supposed to work together.

- b. Chief Slankster discussed the Enbridge grant again, advised that we are in the 2nd stage for the radio grant that we are applying for with other departments in the County and we are still waiting to hear on the SCBA grant with Algonac Fire and Clay Twp Fire.
- c. Chief Slankster reviewed the status of the duty shift. He advised that it is going well even though not all the shifts are being filled. He asked to extend the shifts for Saturday and Sunday. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to increase the duty shift to 7 days a week for a 6-month trial. Roll call vote taken. A/A MC
- d. Chief Slankster reviewed the MABAS agreement and new training that was added for Strike Teams.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chief Slankster reviewed the Personnel Action form for new firefighter Austin Slankster. He advised that Asst. Chief Vandebosche would be his sponsor and handling any personnel issues with him if they occur to avoid any conflict of interest. He advised that Austin has been doing the school program at the station for 2 years would like to start Austin at \$9.25 an hour. Mark Posey, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to hire Austin at \$9.25 an hour. Roll call vote taken. A/A MC
- b. Chief Slankster passed around copies of the current wage classification scale for review. He has been doing some review and discussion with other departments and would like to talk to the Board about possible comparable increases in the near future.
- c. Chief Slankster advised that he has reviewed the 5 year plan and would prepare a new printed plan for the Board to review.

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- a. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$42,846.47. Roll call vote taken; A/A M/C
- b. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to receive and file the Preliminary Balance sheet. A/A M/C
- c. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to accept and file the Revenue and Expenditure statement. A/A M/C
- d. Resolution 2018-1 was read. Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to adopt the resolution. Roll Call vote taken. A/A MC
Resolution 2018-2 was read. Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to adopt the resolution. Roll Call vote taken. A/A MC
Resolution 2018-3 was read. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to adopt the resolution. Roll Call vote taken. A/A MC
Resolution 2018-4 was read. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to adopt the resolution. Roll Call vote taken. A/A MC

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Julia Rust – none.

Steve McConnell – none.

Mark Posey advised that everyone was doing a good job and to keep trying to find new members.

Lisa Hendrick advised that she appreciated the members working on grants.

Jennifer Vandebossche thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mary Agnes Simons thanked everyone.

Tom Whitenight – none.

Fire Chief Slankster thanked the Board for adding the extra duty shifts.

Larry Simons thanked everyone and agreed that we needed to look at the pay scales.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to adjourn. A/A MC - The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting is set for August 15th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandebossche, Administrator