

**MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 @ 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 Representatives; Chairman Larry Simons and Don Beaudua. China Township Representative; Julia Rust. Also present were Fire Chief Joseph Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Larry Simons, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to excuse China Township Representative Linda Schwehofer, who was at a MATS event. A/A M/C

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

a. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to accept the Public Hearing minutes on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented. A/A M/C

b. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Julia Rust, made a motion to accept the Board Meeting minutes on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented. A/A M/C

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche gave an update on the ongoing pager and radio issues. He advised that more departments are now stating that they are having issues too. Chief Slankster advised that we have had representatives from the State for the radios out in our jurisdiction twice already. Attorney Davis also discussed the radio issue and potential liability.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his submitted report. He also advised that the co-op student program is working well. He also advised that the State certification tester would be willing to test our co-op students at the end of the year for firefighter certification.

Steve McConnell, supported by Larry Simons, made a motion to continue the student co-op program another year through Marine City High School. A/A M/C

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Attorney Robert Davis reviewed some more updates and questions for his ongoing work on the Intergovernmental Agreement.

- b. Chief Slankster discussed costs for the new rescue truck. The current rescue truck will become the new grass truck. He had a copy of the current area government bid costs. Larry Simons requested competitive bids for approval. Chief Slankster advised that this truck on the bid has some of the same measurements as the current truck so we could save money by not having to buy all new equipment and accessories.

Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to waive the competitive bid for the new rescue truck because of the savings of the government bid truck and using some of the current equipment. Roll Call vote. Lisa Hendrick, Don Beaudua, Steve McConnell, Mark Posey, Julia Rust, Mary Agnes Simons and Tom Whitenight – Aye, Larry Simons – Nay - Motion Fails. Chief Slankster advised that he would get bids and possibly hold a Special Meeting for approval.

- c. Chief Slankster passed out the current version of the full time firefighter job description. He advised that the Committee had met again previous to this meeting. He also talked about the job description vs. the actual contract. He will make some adjustments and bring back again.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. a. Larry Cleavers from Burnham and Flowers and Stephen Saph from Nickel & Saph Insurance Agencies gave their liability insurance proposal presentations for the '17-'18 Fiscal Year.

Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Larry Simons, made a motion to accept the proposal from Larry Cleavers of Burnham and Flowers for the 3 year annual rate of \$11,964.00 through the Michigan Par Plan. Roll Call vote. Larry Simons, Don Beaudua, Steve McConnell, Mark Posey, Julia Rust, Mary Agnes Simons and Tom Whitenight – Aye, Lisa Hendrick – Nay - Motion Carried

- b. Chief Slankster reviewed the Personnel Action Form for Kyle Adams. He has passed several classes and received several new certifications. He also received the top score in the State's Fire Investigator class. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to approval increasing Kyle's hourly wage from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour. Roll Call vote. A/A M/C

Chief Slankster reviewed new employee Corey Vernier and Zak Segneurie. They have no previous certifications. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to start their wage at \$9.00 hr retro to 05/15/17. A/A M/C

Chief Slankster reviewed new employee Jeff Declrq. He is experienced with all of his certifications. Julia Rust, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to start his wage at \$10.00 hr. A/A M/C

- c. Chief Slankster discussed a member that was injured during the annual physical agility.

#### 11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- a. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$37,959.81. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

- b. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to approve the balance sheet. A/A M/C

- c. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to accept and file the revenue and finance statement. A/A M/C

Julia Rust asked about the need to do any budget amendments for accounts. Jennifer Vandenbossche believed that it did not need to be done or could amend after but would verify with the auditor Curtis McBride and take any additional action if needed.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chief Slankster advised that there was another DNR grant request sent out for \$5,000 for a new pump. He also advised that Jennifer Vandenbossche is still working on getting a new DUNS number for the Fire Authority. There are issues from the previous number for the Fire Department under Marine City. He also discussed Comsource coming to the station to work on radios and the technician comments. The truck radios were better than the handheld prep radios. He also advised that he would be at the station at noon on some days instead of in the morning.

Julia Rust advised that she hopes the China Twp. Board approves housing a fire truck at the substation.

Mark Posey advised to keep up the good work.

Lisa Hendrick – none

Steve McConnell thanked Dave, Jen and Dan Vandenbossche for the station flowers.

Mary Agnes Simons thanked Kyle Adams for all of his accomplishments.

Ton Whitenight – none

Don Beaudua – none

Larry Simons advised that he hopes not to have another long meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to adjourn. A/A M/C

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm. The next meeting is set for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator