

**MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on December 18, 2013**

Meeting called to order by Larry Simons, Chair at 7:02 p.m. After Pledge of Allegiance led by same, a moment of silence was observed.

Present: Tom Whitenight and Kelly Lisco, Cottrellville Twp; Steve McConnell, Lisa Hendrick and Mark Posey, Marine City; Julia Rust and Linda Schwehofer, China Twp; Larry Simons and Don Beaudua, East China Twp. Also Chief Slankster.

Absent: None

Communications: Chief reported that when Tom Raymond was Chair, dispatch cost roughly \$600. Now that 911 went active about two weeks ago, along with text, plus mapping under phone budget, it is costing \$432, approximately \$200. less than before.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Kelly Lisco to approve agenda with the addition of item F. under New Business; McBride Contract and as item G. Approval of New Fire Fighter. A/A M/C.

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2013. Motion by Julia Rust, supported by Steve McConnell to accept a presented. A/A M/C.

Public Comment: None

Chief's Report. Report was received and placed on file. At this time Larry Simons questioned if what he did was the right thing regarding telling resident that filling a private ice skating rink by fire department from hydrant was not allowable. Chief responded in the affirmative. That way there can be no liability.

Unfinished Business: A. Liability/Equity Fund Resolution up-date given by Jennifer Vandebossche. All townships passed the resolution. She is looking for CD rates. Some of the money is in checking and some in savings. Currently at the Old Seaway, now North Star. Jennifer will report back next meeting and bring back options. B. Flower Fund All members able to do this evening put \$20. Per Board member into kitty for future need. Those unable to this night can bring next meeting.

New Business: A. Audit Presentation given by Curtis McBride. It will be placed on file. A good transition was made by Jennifer. We have received a clean opinion and we, as a Fire Authority, are in compliance. B. Water Bill Account Resolutions prepared by Jennifer

Vandenbossche. #2013-07 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET TO ADJUST FOR THE NEED TO ADD A NEW ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF A WATER BILL AT THE FIRE STATION.....The Resolution was offered by Larry Simons, supported by Lisa Hendrick. Roll Call Vote was taken and passed by all present. No Nays.

#2013-08 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FUND TRANSFER FROM THE FINANCIAL SERVICES ACCOUNT TO THE WATER BILL FUND....The resolution was offered by Don Beaudua, supported by Lisa Hendrick. Roll Call Vote was taken and passed by all present. No Nays. C. Fee Schedule Review: Jennifer Vandenbossche presented the official fee schedule. It is on file. Motion to accept as presented by Tom Whitenight, supported by Kelly Lisco. A/A M/C. Fire Chief, Slankster, may add a new fee next month to cover HazMat clean-up. D. MCAFA 5-year Plan. Chief presented his plan. The City Manager had his own version, but we will go with our own. E. Phone System Upgrade The Chief reported that Comcast came in and that the wiring is shot. It is 30 years old! The inside is now working but needs upgrading. We have \$2,000. Budgeted for this. We have a second quote from Hi-Tech for \$1,997.69. This will take care of the box, the back room, caller ID and Voice mail. Money is left over so we will not need to amend the budget. F. McBride Contract Renewal Our previous contract was \$3,500. Motion by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Kelly Lisco to renew contract @ \$3,875 for one year with Mr. McBride to give a letter of engagement for the next two years. Roll Call Vote was taken and passed by all present. No Nays. G. Approval of new Fire Fighters It was necessary to let 1 probationary firefighter due to non attendance. Edward Houlloman as of October 25<sup>th</sup> and Richard Poole December 12<sup>th</sup>. They would receive \$8.00 per hour. Motion by Linda Schwehofer to approve both new fire fighters, supported by Steve McConnell. A/A M/C.

Financial Business: A motion was made by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Julia Rust to approve total disbursements, including Payroll of \$48,369.87. Roll Call Vote taken and passed by all present. No Nays.

Board Member Comments: Linda Schwehofer: Good job to all the Fire Fighters and cudos to Jennifer! Mark Posey: Happy Holidays and things are looking good! Steve McConnell: Cudos to Jennifer and the Fire Fighters gave a good send off and received the winning teams with great flare! Julia Rust: Merry Christmas, thanked the Fire Fighters and Jennifer, good Job! Lisa Hendrick, ditto. Kelly Lisco, ditto and wanted us to know that their township was able to get their financial hardship policy approved. Tom Whitenight: Thanked Jennifer and wanted to wish everyone a Happy Holiday! Joe Slankster: Happy Holidays! He has Fireman's Ball tickets for Board if they want to reserve, otherwise tickets are sold out! Jennifer did a great job! Don Beaudua: Jennifer and Curtis doing a great job together. Chief and Fire Fighters doing a great job, as well! Larry Simons: Happy New Year, thanked the Fire Fighters!

**Joe, doing a great job. Happy for the Football Team! Good job to Jennifer Vandenbossche:  
Good job to Curtis, our Auditor! Good job on the audit!**

**Steve McConnell said he will save a table. Tickets for the Fireman's Ball are \$30.00 and it is  
being held on February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Next meeting will be held at the Firehall on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment: Motion by Steve McConnell to adjourn meeting at 8:12 p.m., supported by  
Lisa Hendrick. A/A M/C.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Schwehofer**

**Secretary to the Fire Authority**