

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 @ 7:00 pm – amended/approved

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; Secretary Linda Schwehofer. Also present were Fire Chief Joseph Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

China Township Representative Julia Rust was absent and excused.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. A/A M/C

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Beaudua, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the December 17th, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A/A M/C

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his submitted report and advised the Board in the changes in Fire Officers for 2018. He also discussed the new fire gear washer and dryer purchased by the firefighters for \$1,200.00.

Chief Slankster then discussed multiple grants that are available and being worked on; He asked the Board for approval to apply for a grant for new Motorola radios through the County Fire Chief's Association with 10% matching. The parts may no longer be available for the current radios and the cost per new radio set (including battery and charger) is \$4,500. The Board discussed applying for grant funds for 18 new radios including batteries and chargers and we will need 10% matching funds. Mary Agnes Simons made a motion to approval applying for the grant through the Fire Chief's Association for 18 new radios with batteries and chargers and a roll call vote was taken. A/A M/C

Chief Slankster also met with Marine City's grant writer regarding applying for a new fire truck and giving her preliminary information. It is in the process of being finalized for submission.

He also advised that Assistant Chief Vandenbossche has been working on the grant with Clay Twp. and Algonac for new air packs. Clay Twp. is doing the grant writing and we would just have to pay for our portion of matching funds.

Chief Slankster is also reviewing grants for Thermal Imaging Cameras and Gas/Odor Detectors. Larry Simons and Linda Schwehofer also discussed a CPR chest compression unit that St. Clair Fire just purchased.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. The Board reviewed the draft letter that was presented regarding the ongoing radio issues. Chief Slankster advised that it was also discussed at the Fire Chief's meeting. Linda Schwehofer made a motion to sign the letter as presented with signatures from all Board members, supported by Mary Agnes Simons. A/A M/C

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The annual Authority Board Officer Election was discussed. Don Beaudua, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to retain all positions that are on the current board. A/A M/C

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- a. Tom Whitenight, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$27,528.80. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C
- b. Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to receive and file the Preliminary Balance Sheet. A/A M/C
- c. Mary Agnes Simons, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to accept and file the Revenue and Expenditures statement. A/A M/C
- d. The Board reviewed the '18-'19 Budget schedule. The Budget Committee with representatives from all the municipalities will be Steve McConnell, Julia Rust, Tom Whitenight and Larry Simons. Chief Slankster, Asst. Chief Dave Vandenbossche and Jennifer Vandenbossche will have a draft budget proposal for the committee meeting when it is scheduled.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mark Posey wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Steve McConnell advised the same and that he would see everyone at the Fireman's Ball.

Linda Schwehofer thanked the firefighters and advised that Station 2 was working out well. She also discussed the trailer that was still available for training.

Lisa Hendrick – none

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mary Agnes Simons thanked the firefighters and Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Tom Whitenight thanked the firefighters for the ham and advised that everyone was doing a good job.

Chief Slankster wished everyone a Happy Holiday and advised that there were still Fireman's Ball tickets available. He also advised that a new set of gear had to be purchased that were ruined in a fire that occurred in Cottrellville Twp. the cost is over \$2,800.00.

Don Beaudua wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked the firefighters for the ham.

Larry Simons thanked Chief Slankster, Asst. Chief Vandenbossche and the rest of the firefighters. He also advised that Chief Slankster and Asst. Chief Vandenbossche spent a lot of time monitoring and evacuation planning in East China Twp. during the recent river flooding. He stated that it was a community effort with Marine City Fire and St Clair Fire and Emergency Manager Jeff Friedland. He also advised that Dave Vandenbossche was also able to extend service offers as Mayor of Marine City and the communities shared resources in working together. He also thanked the firefighters for the ham and that the board should put on a dinner in February. Lisa Hendrick advised that she will help work on the dinner with Chief Slankster and Jennifer. He also thanked the Board for the position re-elections.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to adjourn. A/A M/C
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator