

Marine City Area Fire Authority

Minutes of April 16, 2014

Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:14 p.m.

The Budget Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman, Larry Simons at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comment on the Proposed 2014-15 Budget.

Present: Larry Simons, Don Beaudua, East China Township; Steve McConnell, Lisa Hendrick and Mark Posey, Marine City; Julia Rust, Linda Schwehofer, China Township; Tom Whitenight, Cottrellville Township. Kelly Lisco/absent, excused.

No Public wishing to speak. Then the Board had an opportunity to comment:

Linda Schwehofer, happy to see we have the least calls! Don Beaudua, thanked the Committee. Steve McConnell, Mark Posey, Julia Rust, Tom Whitenight, Larry Simons, no comment. Lisa Hendrick thanked everyone. Chief Slankster had no comment, as well.

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget was closed at 7:13 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:14 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Larry Simons at 7:14 p.m. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and then held a moment of silence.

Present: Larry Simons, Don Beaudua, East China Township; Steve McConnell, Lisa Hendrick and Mark Posey, Marine City; Julia Rust and Linda Schwehofer, China Township; Tom Whitenight, Cottrellville Township. Kelly Lisco/absent, excused.

Communications: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Don Beaudua to amend the agenda by adding under New Business c. City Contract; d. Minimum Wage Factor; e. Handicap platform location; f. 2-Personnel Action. A/A M/C.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lisa Hendrick, supported by Steve McConnell to accept as presented minutes dated, March 19, 2014. A/A M/C.

Public Comment: None

Chief's Report: Report was received and placed on file. With the bad storm over the weekend they had 27 calls in 3 minutes! They were out about 3 hours with 15 men. They also had assistance from St. Clair and Algonac! There was damage to the Training Tower roof. Feel that it might be fixed by gluing. On Monday there were 9 other departments here to do a Hazmat practice lasting approximately 4 hours. There were 30 patients and a wash station was set up. Very good! Jennifer wanted to report that we are debt free on all of our equipment! Work shirts had been approved at last meeting, however, the prices are in and motion by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Don Beaudua to award to company out of Port Huron of \$1,909,54. Roll Call vote by all present. A/A M/C.

Dave VandenBossche had information on a pilot program on tourniqueting. It was very valuable, as when there is an active shooter, they are so busy trying to locate, that people often will bleed out, since there is no one to attend to them. This training was also available to local police departments. This will allow a quick response until EMS could arrive and they can get everything cleared. Marine City, St. Clair and Marysville received the training through Jeff Friedland and Emergency Management.

Unfinished Business a. Motion was made by Linda Schwehofer to adopt the Proposed 2014-2015 Budget in the amount of \$422,575.00, supported

by Lisa Hendrick. Roll Call Vote taken by all present. A/A M/C. Happy to report that we are under \$1,175. From last year!

New Business: a. Preliminary roof repair information indicates that there are spots on the roof that need repair. It has been recommended that we use the two low bides who bid for East China and have them look at the job. We will have more information at the next meeting. b. Approval for seeking bids for front slab cement repair.....Chief Slankster said he will meet with Tom Whitenight, and Dave VandenBossche to write specs, as soon as Monday morning after meeting, to prepare for bid process. He commented that there is just under \$15,000 in budget to cover. They will also be looking at back area, as well. C. City Contract Lisa Hendrick said the City of Marine City had questions and concerns about rescue charges and some people who chronically call and run up the charges. It was made clear that the City of Marine City has to deal directly with Acu-Med, just like the various entities in the Fire Authority. That is up to each individual community to set that up with Acu-Med Through their own individual ordinances. D. Minimum wage factor is figured in, on the new Budget for 2014-15. Marine City questioned what the Fire Authority would do with any excess money, in the event it was not all spent? This Board would have to make the decision. Either the money could be given back to the municipalities, per their percentage or keep the money and have it there to apply to the truck payments, thus paying off sooner and saving interest. E. Handicap Access..... A fellow Marine City Commissioner was concerned that we were not ADA Compliant here at the Fire Hall because of its present location. It was checked out with Rick Ames, head of DPW and we are indeed ADA Compliant. It does not have to be located by the first door you come to. F. 2-Personnell action forms; James Gimpert and Bradley Thueme to be placed on as probationary firefighters. James has everything he needs through Macomb and Bradley needs Firefighter 1 and 2. They both would be starting at \$8.00. A motion was made by Steve McConnell , supported by Julia Rust to put them on. A/A M/C.

Financial Business: a. Motion made by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Don Beaudua to approve disbursements of \$78,080.79 including payroll. Julia Rust questioned a check number out of order? Jennifer VandenBossche explained that we had a stop payment fee of \$30.00 by bank. Number 1411 was to replace check number 1366. Payroll didn't print this out properly. Roll Call vote was taken by all present. A/A M/C. b. Preliminary Finance Statement/Balance sheet Julia Rust questioned what the \$49. Was in accounts receivable? Jennifer said it was billed out, but not received. Julia wondered why they didn't balance? Jennifer will check with Mr. McBride. Motion by Don Beaudua to accept the balance sheet, supported by Lisa Hendrick, A/A M/C. c. Resolution # 2014-02 for Account Transfers for Budget balancing was read by Larry Simons, supported by Linda Schwehofer....A Resolution to approve the fund transfer from the financial services account to multiple funds. Chief Slankster and Jennifer looked over the wages, FICA. This transfer should cover from financials. \$11,339 transferred from financials with a Balance of \$16,000. After the transfer there should still be approximately \$5,000 left yet to use. Roll Call vote taken by all present. A/A M/C.

Board Member Comments: Don Beaudua, none; Steve McConnell, Reminder April 22nd. there will be a meeting at the Voyager at 6:30 for discussion with the St. Clair Area Fire Authority Committee group about joint fire authority in future; Mark Posey, Hope the guys all get rested up after their big storm weekend; Lisa Hendrick, said that the Marine City manager suggested that we work on a round robin of sorts, so when an emergency of this type strikes that he is in the loop; Even if it means leaving a message on the phone. That would be germane to any Township Supervisor, as well; Julia Rust, none; Jennifer VandenBossche, There will be a meeting with Curtis McBride on April 23 rd. if anyone has questions please be in touch with here. Also wants to thank everyone; Tom Whitenight, none; Joe Slankster, none; Larry Siimons, Please fix blinking light above! Reminder that the Emergency Management Breakfast will

have as speaker, the Official from Sandy Hook School. That takes place on May 9th. Also Burnham and Flowers will give a quote on insurance along with Nichol and Saph.....will be on agenda so we can get some competitive bids for next meeting in June. He wants to thank everyone; Linda Schwehofer, thank you to everyone!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th. at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by motion from Linda Schwehofer at 8:15 p.m.m supported by Steve McConnell, A/A M/C/

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Schwehofer

Marine City Fire Authority Secretary