

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @ 7:02 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 Vice-Chair Lisa Hendrick at 7:02 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 (arrived at 7:10pm). East China Representative; Don Beaudua. China Township Representatives; Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust. Also present were Fire Chief Joseph Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to excuse Larry Simons and Mary Agnes Simons. *A/A MC Mary Agnes Simons did arrive at the meeting at approximately 7:10pm.*

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to accept the amended agenda as presented. *A/A MC*

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve McConnell, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes on February 15th, 2017 as presented. *A/A M/C*

7. Public Comment

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche discussed the recent SCC Fire Chief's meeting about the 800 MHz radio system. He advised that at first, only Marine City spoke up about the radio and pager issues and then several other departments admitted to also having problems. The Board then discussed writing a letter to formally document the issues. Chief Slankster advised that he even asked them to delay taking down the old system until the new system was operating at an acceptable level and they refused to wait.

Asst. Chief Vandenbossche did advise that the sirens did work for the statewide test that day.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his submitted report. He did address some issues with the insurance adjuster taking care of the damaged trucks. There was a delay in getting a response, then getting the adjuster to look at the damage then disagreement with the adjuster about the repairs.

Chief Slankster also advised that he would have an itemized list for the cost of a new grass truck at the next Board meeting. He also advised that we may be able to put the old truck at the China Twp. garage (station) and would talk to St. Clair Chief Westrick about a combination lock.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Mark Posey, made a motion to accept the proposed '17-'18 budget as proposed. Roll call was vote taken. *A/A MC*

b. Authority Attorney Robert Davis reviewed item 12 in the Authority agreement as well as an overall review of the agreement. There were several discussions regarding updating wording for the finances, terminating membership and responsible parties for building and maintaining different locations. There was also discussion on asset evaluations for different situations. Robert Davis advised that he could do some more review come back in June for a presentation.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Slankster reviewed the Personnel Action form for Wally Drzeweicki. He is returning to the department and Chief Slankster asked that he be reinstated to the same hourly wage as before. He still has all his same certification but will need to retake the MFR class. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Mary Agnes Simons, made a motion to approve the Personnel Action form as requested. A/A MC

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Tom Whitenight, supported by Julia Rust, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$47,809.89. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

b. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the balance sheet. A/A M/C

c. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Tom Whitenight, made a motion to accept and file the revenue and finance statement. A/A M/C

Lisa Hendrick and Chief Slankster discussed the need to start updating the 5 year plan.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Don Beaudua – none

Tom Whitenight advised that the Fire Department does a good job and the budget looks good.

Julia Rust advised that everything looks good.

Linda Schwehofer thanked the firefighters for a good job.

Mark Posey advised that all was good.

Steve McConnell advised the same as Mark Posey.

Mary Agnes Simons advised the same.

Lisa Hendrick discussed sending a letter about the pagers and will email it to everyone so it does not have to wait until the next meeting. She also hopes that everyone likes our new attorney and that he charges appropriately and does good work.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to adjourn. A/A MC

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next meeting is set for June 21st, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator