

MARINE CITY AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Board meeting - Wednesday, August 16, 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 Representative; Tom Whitenight. East China Representatives; Chairman Larry Simons and Don Beaudua. China Township Representatives; Secretary Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust. Also present were Fire Chief Joseph Slankster and Administrator Jennifer Vandenbossche.

Cottrellville Township Representative Mary Agnes Simons was absent.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to accept the amended agenda as presented. A/A MC

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Beaudua, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes on June 21st, 2017 and the special meeting minutes from July 27th, 2017 as presented. A/A M/C

7. Public Comment

None.

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Slankster reviewed his submitted report. He discussed the mock disaster scenario held at the PAC and advised that it did went really well. The mock scenario will now be an annual event.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Slankster reviewed updates on the new shift firefighter hiring position and his discussion with the current members/firefighters. He advised that he currently has about 5 firefighters that would split shifts to cover on a part-time basis. There was discussion that advised the Authority could save money by covering shifts using part-time instead because of not having to pay out vacation and/or sick days. There was also discussion on a wage scale starting at \$17.00 per hour. Lisa Hendrick, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to approve the new shift firefighter job description as submitted for weekday coverage from 8am – 4 pm and start the wage at \$17.00 per hour for a 6-month trial basis. Roll Call vote taken. A/A MC

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Slankster reviewed the Personnel Action form for Ben Rice Ben is a former member who has his firefighter and paramedic certifications. Ben recently moved back to the area from South Carolina. Chief Slankster requested to start Ben's wage at \$10.00 per hour. Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell, made a motion to approve the Ben Rice's personnel action form at \$10.00 per hour. Roll call vote taken. A/A MC

11. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. Tom Whitenight, supported by Don Beaudua, made a motion to approve the disbursements in the sum of \$81,868.24. Roll call vote taken. A/A M/C

b. Julia Rust, supported by Linda Schwehofer, made a motion to receive and file the balance sheet. A/A M/C

c. Don Beaudua, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to receive and file the revenue and finance statement. A/A M/C

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Julia Rust reviewed some questions that a China Twp. Board Trustee had regarding the lease and liability of housing one of the trucks at China Twp. The Authority Board discussed the issues.

Linda Schwehofer thanked the firefighters for doing a good job. She also discussed a new Twp Trustee who asked about installing sirens for the township. Discussion followed.

Mark Posey advised that everyone was doing a good job and the landscaping looks great.

Lisa Hendrick and Chief Slankster gave a radio update. She also thanked the firefighters for helping at the Girls Little League Championship party.

Steve McConnell asked if anyone was going to the State Fireman's Memorial. Chief Slankster advised that either he or Richard Tucker would be going.

Jennifer Vandenbossche thanked the Authority Board for their support. She also advised that the annual finance audit was scheduled for September 21st and 22nd at the fire station.

Tom Whitenight – none

Chief Slankster advised that the new truck was at the station and being worked on to get in service. He also advised that the firefighters voted to spend their money to work on the landscaping around the building. He also gave an Accumed update.

Don Beaudua thanked the firefighters for their dedication and work ethic. He also thanked Jennifer Vandenbossche for doing a good job.

Larry Simons also discussed the Girls Little League party and thanked the firefighters, Asst. Chief Dave Vandenbossche and Lisa Hendrick. He also thanked the Lions Club and other businesses that supported it. He also discussed Chief Slankster going to the Supervisors' meeting to talk about the pagers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendrick, made a motion to adjourn. A/A MC

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting is set for October 18th, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Jennifer Vandenbossche, Administrator