

MECOSTA AUSTIN FIRE BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2016

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.**
- II. Pledge to the Flag.**
- III. Roll Call: John Boyd, Michele Graham, Elizabeth G Carr, Susan Sikkema, and John Brockway. Greg Babbitt was absent.**
- IV. Moved by Susan Sikkema, supported by John Brockway to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**
- V. Moved by Michele Graham, supported by Susan Sikkema to approve the Regular and Special Fire Board Minutes. Motion carried.**
- VI. Treasurer's Report: The Fire Department spent \$5,519.45 in invoices and \$162.50 in payroll. The First Responders spent \$2,439.41 in invoices and \$1,698.98 in payroll. The total is \$9,820.34. The Fire Department has a total of \$43,865.38 and the First Responders have a total of \$10,802.16 in their accounts. There is \$12,290.46 in the CD account. Roll call vote to accept the Treasurer's Report as given: Susan Sikkema-yes, Michele Graham-yes, John Brockway-yes, Elizabeth G Carr-yes, John Boyd-yes**
- VII. Fireman's Fund: The \$1,082.40 in the Firemen's fund will be withdrawn and put in a safe under the control of the officers as a petty cash fund. The check will be written to Ron Palmer and Steve Cook.**
- VIII. New Truck: There are about 30 hours of labor so far into the truck. The tires were \$2,528.32. Russel's Body Shop estimate was \$3,490.40. This includes the eight back doors. Roger Martin's estimate for painting was \$3,458.60. This is \$986.00 over the budgeted \$5,000.00. The Fire Department and the First Responders will both be contributing to the costs of the truck. The truck will be at the shop for two weeks, September 26th through October 10th. The vinyl will be applied October 11th-12th. Hope to have the truck in service on October 15th.**
- IX. Sale of 3-11: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by John Boyd to give Ron Palmer the ability to accept a bid for 3-11 and for that bid to be between**

\$22,500.00 and \$18,000.00, and to spend \$100.00 to put an advertisement in Fire Truck Trader, to be taken out of Pr & Promotions. Susan Sikkema-yes, Michele Graham-yes, John Brockway-yes, Elizabeth Carr-yes, John Boyd-yes

- X. Fire Chief's Report: The section of the Dragon Trail up to 8 Mile will hopefully be ready for approval in 2 years. The section of the trail from Newcosta Road to 8 Mile Road will have the highest risk and will require special training. There should be special funding available from the Trail Association for the Rescue training, and hopefully also for the required ATV with a litter (\$5-6,00.00) to carry anyone injured. The training will cost around \$3,500.00. The training will need to start soon. The possibility of injury could be to the worker's constructing the trail and not just to trail users. 6 new pagers were bought, 3 by the Fire Department and 3 by Rescue. Fire South is up and running, but the signal will not work for us. The pagers have been adjusted to work off from Fire West. The VHF radio re-programming is complete including adding Fire South and updating Newaygo County Fire South and Fire East frequencies and adding mandatory V-Tac FEMA interoperation frequencies. Chief Palmer and Capt. Cook had a meeting with Big Rapids Township Fire Department about the change in mutual aid. The change will be effective the week of September 26th. The annual engine pump tests will begin in October.**
- XI. Training: Tender truck operation and hose testing.**
- XII. Maintenance: Rescue 1 F 350 was serviced and the tires rotated. We will be changing the oil and oil filters.**
- XIII. Rescue: There were 42 runs since the meeting in July. Run reimbursement for July/August was \$877.43.**
- XIV. FYI: There will be a spaghetti dinner October 5th.**
- XV. Adjourned 8:23 p.m.**

Elizabeth G Carr

Secretary