

AUGUSTA – ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD

Meeting of October 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM at the South Station by Chairman Durham.

Members present were Bowers, Durham, Genung, Thomas and Waldorf.

Also present were Chief Bogema and Asst. Chief Shirley.

Motion by Thomas, supported by Bowers approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, supported by Genung approve and place on file the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Bowers, supported by Waldorf to pay all bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Asst. Chief Shirley will contact TDS again about the dedicated telephone line to the South Station. He will see if we can just shut the line down.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 – 2019 Budget:

The Board scheduled the next Fire Board Meeting for Thursday, February 8, 2018. The proposed budget should be ready by that date. Once the Fire Board approves it, it will be sent to the Village of Augusta and Ross Township for approval.

Our new salaries started on this pay period. Runs pay \$13.00 and meetings and training pay \$11.00.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Bogema stated that we should exceed 300 runs this calendar year. Currently we have over 250. Genung questioned how much of the runs were medical. Bogema said that 75 to 80% are medical runs.

Our department participated with Kalamazoo County to receive a grant. Some of the grant was approved including Consolidated Dispatch and the purchase of new pagers. Bogema will order 25 pagers at a cost of approximately \$12,500.00. The Department only has to pay for 10%.

The new truck is in service at this time. This truck has several spots for Air-packs. Lake Township had five Air-packs with masks for \$2,500.00. New Air-packs cost around \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 each. Will use several of these to fill spots on the new truck.

Fire Fighter, Mike Muelman has passed the Fire Academy and Fire Fighter Keith Kenyon will be taking Medical First Responder training.

If there is no grant approved for turnout gear Bogema will start purchasing 5 sets per year. Each set of turnout gear costs approximately \$2000.00.

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Richland and Augusta -Ross Fire Departments are going to receive a donation from Stryker Corp. for a "Lucas CPR Machine" which costs approximately \$15,000.00 each. Will have more information after we receive the Machine.

We have received a new ISO rating report. The Village of Augusta has a rating of 4 and Ross Township has a rating of 4y. These ratings are used by Insurance Companies.

Bogema stated the "Plymovent Exhaust Vent" is working only half the time. Ladder and hose testing have been completed. Will need about 25-30 sections of new hose. Mike Dyer will do our pump testing along with service work on trucks 411, 412, 421 and 461.

Physicals need to be done this year for the Fire Fighters who didn't have one last year.

The Department purchased 10 sets of Class A uniforms to attend Comstock's Fire Chief's funeral. Will purchase the rest of the Fire Fighter's uniforms in the future.

Received a \$500.00 donation from the Colin Rose Run to be used for training.

Truck #412 needs to be replaced. It has had over \$25,000.00 in repairs so far. Grass truck #472 also needs to be replaced.

Car show was a huge success. 160 registered participants. Department cleared \$4,430.00. Haunted House is October 28, 2017 at the North Station.

Motion by Genung, supported by Durham to adjourn at ^{7:23}~~7:20~~pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Syndee Genung
Augusta Ross Fire Secretary