

Fire Board Minutes as taken by Amanda Wiersma, Deputy Treasurer Wednesday Nov 1, 2023

Introduction of members, new and existing.

Roll Call – In Attendance, Val Silkworth, Alt. Andy Ackley, Doug Bogema, Diana Langshaw, Cynthia Genung, Amanda Wiersma, Jake Leatherman, Brandon Shirley, Michael Waldorf

Approve Agenda, Val Silkworth Approved, Cynthia Genung Seconded

Treasurer Update – financials re Budget : Social Security Budget a concern – Included with payroll? (Doug Bogema) Red flag for auditor

Old Business

Event Reports

\$10,000 Grant – New Turn out gear, 2 sets – Need paid invoice by the end of the December for Grand Reimbursement (Doug Bogema)

Augusta Car show – Good turn out. Large Sponsors (Jake Leatherman)

Celebration of the Augusta Fire Dept - \$600 received. (Val Silkworth)

Haunted House – 1256 attendees – Huge community involvement & Thanks to volunteers (Jake Leatherman)

ARPA report: AED's, Tablets, MCI bags (still need invoices); 40k used, proposed armor plates for truck. Consider expenditures for trucks for budget for next year. (Doug Bogema)

Equipment Update – 10 new pagers, upgrade to grass truck - \$44,957 used from proposed Capital Outlay in budget. Would like to see a couple of new helmets, air packs, upgrades – couple of new recruits in the works, and may have a new FD Grant to cover (Doug Bogema)

Fixing Augusta Fire Facility: Paint, New Doors, Roof – To be taken to board (Val Silkworth)

Revised By-Laws – Attached for review (Diana Langshaw)

Any other business: Alternates, and new Secretary-Treasurer needed from Ross Twp. (Treasurer or Clerk – currently treasurer fulfills this role) Amanda Wiersma will volunteer to do so if appointed on Cynthia's retirement 12/31.

Public comment: none

Member Comments: Updated emissions systems for trucks rumored to be in the pipeline, and something to consider with next year's budget – state of 411 out of South Station will need replaced first. Upwards of 600K for a new truck, and manufacturer is 6mo. – 3 years out. (Jake/Brandon) Millage expires Dec 2024 for current Fire Dept – propose new for 2025 to help with budget? (Doug Bogema)

CD/Money Market acct missing from fund balance/assets on current budget. Hand written on top of budget hand out. (Doug Bogema)

Motion to Adjourn: Cynthia Genung – Seconded: Michael Waldorf