

AUGUSTA – ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
Meeting of February 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the South Station by acting chair Durham.

Members present were Durham, Genung, and Simpson. Bowers and Waldorf were absent. Also present were Chief Bogema, Asst. Chief Shirley and Capt. Perkins.

Motion by Genung, supported by Simpson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Durham, supported by Simpson to approve and place on file the minutes of the July 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Genung, supported by Durham to pay all bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Bogema stated they are the last Department in Kalamazoo County to sign up for MABAS. They still have to fill out all the paperwork and turn it in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Asst. Chief Shirley has not been in contact with the Telephone Company regarding the telephone line. He will try to contact them before the next meeting.

At this time the 2016-2017 Budget was discussed. A copy is attached. The total budget is \$157,500.00 with an additional \$40,000.00 placed in a NEW BUILDING EXPENSES ACCOUNT. This is to cover the costs to move into the new building when completed. Included in the new building expenses will be an office chair, desk, heavy duty washer, dryer, 2 file cabinets, compressor, and a "plymovent exhaust vent".

Motion by Durham, supported by Genung to accept the 2016-2017 Budget as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bogema is purchasing flashlights, flashlight chargers, 2 scene lights, and 2 Mustang Suits. These will be taken out of this fiscal year's budget.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

DNR:

Chief Bogema has been approved for a \$3,250.00 grant from the Michigan DNR. The grant will include wild land suits and foam nozzles. The Department has to match dollar for dollar. The grant project has to be completed by September 2016.

TRUCK COMMITTEE:

A Truck Committee has been form to start the process of purchasing a new Fire Truck. The committee includes several fire fighters and the Board Officers. They will bring back more information to the next meeting.

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MEMBER UPDATE:

The Department has a new probationary fire fighter, Mike Meulman. He has had his physical and he has two years to complete Fire Academy. He will also need MRF training. Three of our seasoned Fire Fighters have retired. Chris Noteboom, Mike French, and Tom Pearson have all turned in their gear. Bogema would like to have a plaque from the State of Michigan for each one.

We had 257 runs for calendar year 2015, which is the highest number of runs to date.


Ladder & hose testing has been completed, also pump testing has been done. The Department will have these tests done every year instead of every other year. All air packs have been tested. Air packs need to be replaced every 15 years.

MEMBERS TIME:

Genung stated that Retired Fire Fighter Russel Shirley passed away. And also Asst Chief Shirley's Mother, Betty Ellison passed away She had been a big supporter of the Fire Department.

Motion by Simpson, supported by Genung to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Syndee Genung

Ross – Augusta Fire Secretary.