

## **Ross Augusta Fire Board Meeting 2/13/2025 6:00pm**

Meeting called to order 6:03pm

**In Attendance:** Andy Ackley, Member; Val Silkworth, Vice Chair; Mike Waldorf, Member at Large; Amanda Wiersma, Secretary/Treasurer; Diana Langshaw, Chair; Terry Burghdoff, Village Alternate; Rob Leatherman, Jake Leatherman, Branden Shirley, Doug Bogema

**Secretary's Report** – Draft minutes from 1/9/25 meeting approval motioned by A. Ackley, Seconded by V. Silkworth. **(5 Ayes, 0 Nays – passed)**

**Treasurer's Report** – A. Wiersma reported no bills submitted over \$2000 limit. Revenue/Expenditure report provided. Money Market statement and current bank balance provided. Cost Recovery Ordinance receipts noted. Report approval motioned by M. Waldorf, Seconded by V. Silkworth. **(5 Ayes, 0 Nays – passed)**

**Public Comment: None**

### **Committee Report Updates:**

B. Shirley, Equipment Committee update: Truck committee met and accessories/wishlist discussed. Four manufacturers contacted via email to start providing quotes. All manufacturers stated truck 20-24 months to manufacture.

R. Leatherman, SOP/SOG update: Roles/Responsibilities updated. Will form a committee to complete updates – and updates from committee to be submitted to attorney for review. Committee to be formed by the end of February. Ice rescue class coming up.

J. Leatherman, Statistic Reports: 2024 Annual/Monthly/Quarterly reports provided to board for review

D. Bogema, Chief Report: No expenses expected above the \$2000 cap before FYE. DNR matching Grant approved. \$4650 approved as a match to department funds (\$9300 total) for trailer \$5000, ice rescue equipment \$2500, Indian gun backpacks \$1800. 3 Firefighters have taken officer class and 3 firefighters have taken smoke class. Wiring for truck 412 being looked at. Repair estimate unknown at this point.

### **Old Business:**

Firefighter evaluations mostly complete. State of Michigan fire licensing to be renewed in October of 2025. Audit to be done by SOM, where training numbers may become an issue for some. Department provides ample training opportunities. Some minor modifications need to be made to the eval form before next year's evaluations. All evaluations received will be placed in employee files, and can be accessed, if requested, at the township offices. Night shift incentive pay hasn't resulted in a noticeable increase in call response. Will continue to monitor.

### **New Business:**

A couple of new training opportunities being made available to firefighters - R. Leatherman

Dept. Retirement/Top Responder celebration planning in the works – likely smaller than last year's.

Meeting adjourned 6:49 pm – Motioned by A. Wiersma, Seconded by V. Silkworth **(5 Ayes, 0 Nays – passed)**

Next meeting: March 13, 2025 at 6:00