

RAFD Fire Board Minutes – 2/15/2024

Meeting Called to order by Chair, D. Langshaw at 5:15

Roll Call: In Attendance: Mike Waldorf, Valerie Silkworth, Diana Langshaw, Amanda Wiersma, Doug Bogema, Fire Chief, Brandon Shirley, and Rob Leatherman – Absent: Jeff Brink – without notice; and two residents and council members Anne Daly and Kim Carlton from the Village of Augusta

Agenda: D. Langshaw moved to amend the agenda of Bi-Laws after Updates from Fire Chief/Officers/Firefighters – Moved by M. Waldorf, Seconded by V. Silkworth **(Approved)**

Approval of Minutes from 11/1/23 Meeting – Moved by V. Silkworth, Seconded by M. Waldorf **(Approved)**

Moved to Approve, Amanda Wiersma, Ross Township Treasurer as Fire Board Secretary/ Treasurer position to fill in until 5/2024 election of officers. – Moved by M. Waldorf, Seconded D. Langshaw **(Approved)**

Old Business

Overview/Updates from Fire Chief/Officers/Firefighters:

Grass Truck back and 100% complete. 10K grant is in process, although not received yet – possibly in next 4-6 weeks. Runs slightly up from last month – incident report **attached** (D. Bogema) – New Airbottle Fillers needed (B.Shirley). This must be taken to the Ross Township Board for additional funds at this point; all Ross Township AARPA funds spent/accounted for year to date. (D. Bogema)

Bi-Laws:

Amendment made to the Interlocal Fire Department Agreement (Term of Office of Fire Board Members, page 2) to rotate the terms of the Fire Board Members on alternate years, one member from each entity (Ross Township and the Village of Augusta) will have elections on alternate years, one member from each entity on an even year, and one member from each entity on an odd year (staggered terms) for amendment. This Amendment is at the Township Attorney's office for drafting language. – Moved by D. Langshaw, Seconded M. Waldorf **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 opposed)**

Also noted, Fire Chief Annual Evaluation, per bi-laws, has fallen by the wayside, and must resume per bi-laws. (D. Langshaw)

Review of the facility repairs, and who is responsible for them to be clarified (D. Langshaw, D. Bogema). Provisions in the Agreement regarding millage funds for upkeep of buildings to be reviewed. V. Silkworth asked about the language noted in the Millage, on how funds are allocated.

Report/Status from Village Representatives: Ongoing repairs and needed repairs of the South Station being discussed (V. Silkworth)

Fire Millage Update, 2025:

Dec 31st Expires. Joint Committee with Ross Twp. & Village of Augusta, needed to discuss renewal/additional millage to be proposed for 2025 election. (V. Silkworth, D. Bogema, D. Langshaw volunteered).

2023/2024 Budget Review

2023/2024 Budget Presented, Amended, and Approved as presented. Moved by D. Langshaw, Seconded by M. Waldorf. **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed) - attached**

New Business:

2024-2025 Budget:

Salary increase to \$120,000 (includes Social Security & proposed raises). Supplies increase from \$1500 to \$2000. Invoices not currently being charged to correct categories – needs improvement from Ross Township Clerk's end. Workman's Comp/Vehicle insurance numbers for 2025 are not available yet.

Motion to raise all firefighters pay by \$1.00 per hour. Moved by A. Wiersma, Seconded by D. Langshaw. **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed)**

2024-2025 Budget, as amended, approved. Moved by M. Waldorf, Seconded by V. Silkworth **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed) - attached**

D. Langshaw, Chair requests consideration from Jeff Brink and the Village of Augusta to replace council member Jeff Brink on the Fire Board from the Village due to lack of attendance without notice. V. Silkworth will take to Village Council.

Next Meeting – **Wednesday May 1, 2024, 5:15**

Election of Officers, Member-at-Large, and Alternate Member-At-Large

Adjourn, moved (V. Silkworth). Seconded (A. Wiersma)