

AUGUSTA – ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD

Meeting of February 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the South Station by acting chair Genung.

The Board welcomed the new Village of Augusta Board Members, Heather Bowers and Shelly Simpson.

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

Motion by Bowers, supported by Simpson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Simpson, supported by Bowers to accept and place on file the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Genung, supported by Simpson to pay all incoming bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Genung stated the Fire Millage is on the May 2015 ballot. We are requesting 1 mil for 5 years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Bogema presented the proposed 2015 – 2016 Fire Budget. Total budget is \$ 137,500.00.

Motion by Genung, supported Bowers to send the proposed 2015-2016 Fire Budget to Ross Township and the Village of Augusta for final approval. Motion carried.

The Fire Department has a dedicated telephone line which costs \$25.00 a month which is no longer needed. It was the consensus of the Board to call TDS Telecom and find out what needs to be done to have it removed. Heather Bowers will pursue receiving internet services from the Village of Augusta. She says there is a way to receive the service through the cement walls. Genung will contact TDS.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bogema stated that we currently have three new recruits in the Fire Academy, Anthony, Goss, and Micklatcher. Goss has already completed his MFR training and has been paid.

We have had 32/33 runs as of February 23, 2015. The 2014 year was down with a total of 204 runs.

Bogema is interested in a washer/dryer to clean turnout gear. After each structure or vehicle fire we are required to have our turnout gear cleaned. In the past we have taken them to the dry cleaners that have since gone out of business or taken them to other Departments to be cleaned. He will bring back costs to the next meeting. Simpson suggested he include all additional costs to hook them up.

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The minimum wage has now increased to \$8.15 per hour.

Motion by Genung, supported by Bowers to increase training pay to meet the new requirements.
Motion carried.

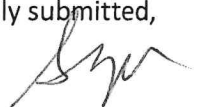
Bogema questioned if we had changed our classification with Workman's Comp yet. Genung stated it has not been done yet but would be taken care of within the next month.

Bogema stated that ladder testing and hose testing will need to be completed this spring. The former company no longer does the ladder testing. The new company can do both.

Asst. Chief Shirley stated that we have still not signed up for MABAS and he will keep us posted.

Motion by Genung, supported by Bowers to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Syndee Genung
Augusta – Ross Township Fire Secretary