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## **AUGUSTA – ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD**

Meeting of February 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:25PM at the South Station by Acting Chair Genung.

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

**Motion by Thomas**, supported by Waldorf to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Thomas**, supported by Genung to approve and place on file the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion by Genung**, supported by Waldorf to pay all bills. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Genung stated the South Station is the only telephone through TDS Telecom now. Everything else is through Comcast. Shirley reported that Shannon, from the TDS, could help us if we wish to drop that one telephone line and leave the South Station with one regular telephone line.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2017 – 2018 Budget:**

Genung reported that the total amount of taxes to be collected is approximately \$309,555.00 and the only big outstanding bill we have left, for this fiscal year, will be our Workman's Comp which will be approximately \$6,000.00. We should get a refund in the next fiscal year to offset the large amount billed this year.

Our salary budget for 2016-2017 is again lower than what we budgeted. Bogema requested the salaries be increased for the Fire Fighters from \$11.00 to \$13.00 per hour. He stated there has not been any increase in salaries for several years. Both Bogema and Shirley said the \$13.00 is more in line with other Departments.

**At this time Heather Bowers, the other Village Member, arrived.**

**Motion by Genung**, supported by Waldorf to increase the Fire Salaries from \$11.00 to \$13.00 per hour and to leave the meetings and trainings at \$11.00 per hour. All ayes, motion carried.

**Motion by Waldorf**, supported by Thomas to approve the 2017-2018 budget. All ayes, motion carried. Copy is attached.

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ROADS:**

**Motion by Waldorf**, supported by Genung to send a letter of support to Ross Township for a special assessment for Road Improvement. Motion carried.

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**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Bogema said that some of the equipment to be used for the new Truck that came off Truck #451 will not work. Items such as brackets, hose, and nozzles need to be purchased. The new Fire Truck is under construction at this time and should be delivered sometime this summer.

**Motion by Genung**, supported by Bowers to purchase up to \$5,000.00 for equipment for the new Fire Truck. Motion carried.

Truck # 411 will need its pump fixed. Dyer can fix it for approximately \$6,500.00.

**Motion by Genung**, supported by Bowers to have #411 pump repaired at a cost of \$6,500.00 and not to exceed that amount. All ayes, motion carried.

The Chief stated they will be selling Truck #451 which is the 1979 Dodge. Thomas questioned if we had to do a sealed bid or not. Genung will check with the Rob Thall, the Township Attorney.

Motion by Genung, supported by Waldorf to adjourn at 6:55PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Syndee Genung  
Augusta Ross Fire Secretary