

## RAFD Fire Board Minutes – 4/11/2024

Meeting Called to order by Chair, D. Langshaw at 5:04PM

Roll Call: In Attendance: Mike Waldorf, Valerie Silkworth, Diana Langshaw, Amanda Wiersma, Andy Ackley, Doug Bogema, Fire Chief, Brandon Shirley, and Rob Leatherman, two residents

Approval of Agenda: So Moved by M. Waldorf, Seconded A. Wiersma **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report from 2/15/24 Meeting – Moved by A. Wiersma, Seconded by A. Ackley **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

Treasurer's Report: No outstanding Invoices. Per D. Bogema, Fire Chief, a couple of small items turned into M. Stage, Township Clerk for payment – Current Invoices for iPad charger, throttle repairs, chainsaw charger added to truck 451. M. Stage and A. Wiersma at township will keep track of expenditures and A. Wiersma will bring to board. No planned purchases at this time. \$10,000.00 grant received for expenditure reimbursement after several months.

Overview/Updates from Fire Chief/Officers/Firefighters: March Chief Report pending payroll final figures. Holding off on airpack and fill station purchase. 50K rough estimate for system purchase. Received donations from Cooper for additional airpacks that match our current ones. Current grant application period for equipment funding over. Still functioning, but something on the radar for future expenditure.

### Old Business

Fire Millage Discussion: Renewal of expiring millage vs. proposal of new/increased millage discussed. All members received copy of last millage language. Moved to accept a renewal of current millage with updated date by M. Waldorf. Seconded by V. Silkworth **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed)**

For future consideration of the board: Determine a preset percentage of millage to go towards capital outlay and percentage towards operating. Suggested by Chair D. Langshaw

Annual Evaluation of Fire Chief/Deputy Chief/Assistant Fire Chief: Evaluation form is progressing per D. Langshaw. Questionnaire will be sent to all firefighters – and will be anonymous. Evaluation team/committee will be created to review evaluations and address with Fire Department leadership.

**New Business:**

Proposal to meet monthly vs. quarterly. **All Fire Board Members agreed to keep Quarterly Fire Board Meetings and they are now to be held on the second Thursday of the month.** Any additional meetings, needed between the quarterly meetings, will be special meetings and will be appropriately noticed. All Members are aware. Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:15 PM will be the annual meeting unless otherwise noticed.

For future discussion: Board approval of monthly bills & maximum expenditures without Board Approval.

Next Meeting – **Wednesday May 8, 2024, 5:15**

Adjourn 5:56pm, moved (A.Wiersma). Seconded (V. Silkworth)