

AUGUSTA – ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
Meeting of April 05, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the South Station by Acting Chair Waldorf.

Members present were Genung, Thomas, and Waldorf. Durham was present by teleconference. Bowers was absent. Also present were Chief Bogema, Asst. Chief Shirley, Capt. Perkins and Firefighter J. Leatherman.

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

Motion by Thomas, supported by Genung to approve and place on file the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Durham, supported by Genung to pay all bills. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Asst. Chief Shirley stated that TDS Telecom has been notified to drop the telephone line in question at the South Station. There should be a reduction in telephone expenses.

The millage for the Fire Department expires on 12-31-2019. Was the consensus of the Board to place millage proposal on the August or November election. This would save the Fire Department money. Genung will investigate what options are available and bring back to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET 2018-2019:

The 2018-2019 budget for \$158,000.00 was presented at this time.

Motion by Thomas, supported by Genung to approve the 2018–2019 Fire Budget for \$158,000.00. All ayes, motion carried. (Copy included)

The remaining balance of the 2017-2018 budget is \$32,586.38.

The carryover which includes the \$32,586.38 is \$264,387.06.

Tax revenue collected at this time is \$ 305,234.24 for 2018.

Delinquent monies will come in June 2018.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

As of this date the Department has had 67 runs. This is consistent with last year.

The truck committee is looking into the purchase of a new fire truck. The estimated cost is \$ 450,000.00. There are several options for purchasing this truck.

- a) Wait until next year so it can be purchased outright.
- b) Put down a substantial down payment and pay payments on remaining balance.
- c) Finance the whole project.

Chief Bogema will contact both companies, Pierce and Spartan, to see what options are available. He will bring back to the next meeting.

The Department has applied for four (4) grants. One of them is through the DNR which is a 50/50 match. This grant has been approved and our share is \$4,500.00.

Four Firefighters have completed Officer Training 1 and 2. T. Bogema has completed a health/safety Officer class. T. Bogema is also taking an "active shooter class." J. Leatherman is interested in the Fire Truck show in Novi, Michigan.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm by Waldorf, supported by Genung.

Respectfully submitted,

Syndee Genung
Ross – Augusta Fire Secretary