

2023 Ross-Augusta Fire Board Minutes

Special Meeting - May 17, 2023

Members Present: Jeff Brink - Village of Augusta, Syndee Genung - Ross Township, Diana Langshaw - Ross Township, Archie Silkworth - Village of Augusta, Mike Waldorf - Member-at-Large. Guests: Fire Chief - Doug Bogema, and Assistant Chief - Jake Leatherman.

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 by Chair D. Langshaw.

Langshaw suggested to add approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2023 meeting.

Motion by A. Silkworth to add May 4 meeting minutes for approval to the agenda and approve the minutes. Seconded by J. Brink. Motion **Passed**.

There was no public comment.

Old Business

Chief D. Bogema reviewed the pay suggested for the Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief and the Captain. Bogema noted there are no individuals qualified or in training for the lieutenant positions. These funds have accumulated in the fund and are available. The total funds for officer pay is \$19,910. Chief Bogema is not requesting a pay increase for the Fire Chief which leaves available \$10,230.

Suggested pay increases:	Deputy Chief	\$4,000	Rob Leatherman
	Assistant Chief	\$3,730	Jake Leatherman
	Captain	\$2,500	Branden Shirley

Motion by A. Silkworth to approve the salary increases as presented. Seconded by J. Brink. Motion **Passed**.

ARPA funds update. The Department will purchase the AED's and electric chainsaws with the 2023 ARPA funds available. There is still a balance in the account for 2023 and the suggested purchases are:

3 Tablets with First Net Subscription

MCI Bags

Body Armor

The details of cost will be put together and taken to the Board at their June meeting.

The hose with the new tanker has issues and is not of quality to use. One section burst during training operations. The manufacture has been contacted. New hose needs to be purchased in the meantime.

To date the department is at 165 runs.

Motion made by A. Silkworth at 10:42 to adjourn. Seconded by J. Brink. Motion **Passed**