

RAFD Fire Board Minutes – 5/8/2024

Meeting Called to order by Chair, D. Langshaw at 5:15PM

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

Amendment to Agenda: Discuss 70th Anniversary Celebration/Funding to be added under New Business. Moved by A. Wiersma, Seconded M. Waldorf **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

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

Approval of Minutes – Moved by V. Silkworth, Seconded by A. Ackley **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

Treasurer's Report: Account statements provided to board for review with current Money Market and Checking Account balances for the Fire Fund. Statement of invoices/expenditures April 1 – April 30, 2024 also provided. Clarification regarding two expenditures requested from D. Bogema, and was satisfactorily provided. Treasurer's Report moved for approval by A. Ackley, Seconded by A. Wiersma **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

Overview/Updates from Fire Chief/Officers/Firefighters: Damaged ladder replaced with a ladder borrowed from Comstock. Purchase of a new one cost prohibitive at this point as shipping costs more than the cost of the ladder. Hose testing in June. Pump testing & Air Pack testing to be scheduled

Old Business

Evaluation of Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief, and Deputy Fire Chief in process. Approximately a dozen responses received. Review Committee, including V. Silkworth, D. Langshaw, and citizen

Millage submitted and County has Received for August Ballot.

Percentage of millage set aside for Operation and percentage of millage set aside for Capital to be decided when/if millage passes.

Limit for expenditures, outside of day-to-day expenses, such as gasoline, without Fire Board Approval is set at \$2,500.00. Larger expenditures will have to be approved by Board, by special meeting, if needed. Moved by V. Silkworth, Seconded by M. Waldorf **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

Quarterly Meetings agreed on at April 11, 2024 meeting confirmed and meetings will be held in August, November, February, and May. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:15

No update on Fire Agreement. Both the Ross Township Board, and The Village of Augusta working on meeting scheduling.

Recognition/Retirement party held, and was a success.

New Business:

Augusta Fire Siren: A motion was made to abandon the Augusta Fire Siren to the Village of Augusta, by the Fire Board, for the Village to maintain and use it if they so choose. If the Village does not want it, the Fire Board can choose to no longer maintain it, and/or remove it. Moved by M. Waldorf, Seconded by V. Silkworth. A Roll-Call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. (M. Waldorf, Aye; A. Wiersma, Aye; D. Langshaw, Aye; V. Silkworth, Aye; A. Ackley, Aye; **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed)**)

Board Elections:

D. Langshaw Nominated for Chair - unanimous ballot cast and nomination closed; nominated by A. Wiersma, Seconded by V. Silkworth – **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed)** – **D. Langshaw voted Chair.**

V. Silkworth nominated for Vice-Chair - unanimous ballot cast and nomination closed; nominated by A. Ackley, seconded by D. Langshaw - **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed)** – **V. Silkworth voted Vice-Chair.**

A. Wiersma nominated for Treasurer/Secretary - unanimous ballot cast and nomination closed; nominated by D. Langshaw, Seconded by M. Waldorf - **(Approved, All Ayes, 0 Opposed)** – **A. Wiersma voted Treasurer/Secretary.**

M. Waldorf nominated for Member-at-Large - unanimous ballot cast and nomination closed; nominated by D. Langshaw, Seconded by A. Ackley – **(Approved, 4 Ayes – A. Ackley, V. Silkworth, A. Wiersma, D. Langshaw, 0 Opposed)** – **M. Waldorf voted Member-At-Large.**

Celebration:

Funding for the Celebration of the Ross Fire Department 70th Anniversary, set for July 20, 2024, discussed. If approved by auditor and attorney, it was agreed by all that \$2,000.00 will be allocated towards celebration funding. Moved by A. Ackley, Seconded by A. Wiersma **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**

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Next Meeting – **August 13, 2024 5:15pm**

Adjourn 6:03pm, moved by A. Ackley, Seconded by V. Silkworth **(Approved, All Ayes 0 Opposed)**