

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

### **Meeting of July 27, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM at the South Station by acting chair Durham.

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

**Motion by Durham**, supported by Bowers to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Waldorf**, supported by Durham to approve and place on file the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Asst. Chief Shirley stated he will contact TDS Telecom regarding the additional line we have been paying for the last several years. The line is no longer needed.

Bowers stated she will contact the Village of Augusta regarding an additional router enabling the Fire Department to connect to internet at no charge to the Department.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Chief has contacted a firm to have physicals for all of the fire fighters who have not had one in the last year or two. Bio Care does physicals for Richland Fire and Comstock Fire. They will come to the station with their mobile unit to perform the exams. Exams consist of several different tests. The cost would be \$5,135.00 for seventeen (17) fire fighters.

**Motion by Durham**, supported by Waldorf to proceed with the physicals. Motion carried.

Chief Bogema contacted C-Comm of Kalamazoo regarding the replacement of the antenna tower. The foundation needed to support the antenna in a new location would be approximately 10 X 10 feet and 8 feet deep. The cost for cement alone would be around \$1,000.00. The cost to remove and replace the antenna would be around \$10,000.00.

The second issue regarding the antenna is the location. C-Comm suggested the SE corner of the property would be best. There was a suggestion that it be placed by the siren on Scott's property. Bogema will have more information at the next meeting.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

It cost \$1,700.00 to repair Truck #411. It wasn't pumping correctly. Rescue Truck #452 needs 6 new tires at a cost of \$2,200.00.

Pump testing has been completed. Ladder and Hose testing will be done within the next month or two. Air pack testing is scheduled for August 7, 2015.

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Three of our new fire fighters have graduated from Fire Academy. Ryan Anthony still needs to take his MFR training. Brook Eakins is the newest recruit. He will have to have all training classes.

We have had 157 or 158 runs to date. This is up 40 runs from last year.

The Department had two major structure fires. The fires were within two hours of each other. The cost of the damage is around \$1,000,000.00.

Bogema has applied for two grants, one from the DNR and the other from GSA. The DNR grant is for a washer/extractor, two foam cartridge nozzles and 10 sets of wild land gear.

The GSA grant, which pays 100%, is to purchase a new fire boat and a 4 x 4 engine.

Several fire fighters have been brainstorming on what they want for a new fire truck. Bogema will set up a committee to start the process.

Special events coming up are 1) Driver's training on August 1<sup>st</sup>, Township's Open House on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Annual Car Show on August 15<sup>th</sup> and Water Rescue Training on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Stu Myers is our current Medical Officer for the Fire Department. Stu will be retiring and moving next year. Rob Leatherman has been assisting Stu. He has taken several classes and is in the process of becoming a Paramedic. Stu wants the Medical Salary for March thru September to go to Rob.

Heather asked when the next CPR class will be. She would like to take the class to keep her certificate.

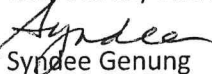
Durham wanted to know what the cost of a washer /extractor is. Bogema stated the small unit which does approximately 3 suits is around \$8,500.00. The larger one runs around \$10,000.00. Bogema stated the smaller one would work for the Department.

Durham also wanted to know the status of Workmen's Comp. Genung stated she tried to change it but MML insists there is only one classification. She also stated our Insurance Company looked for quotes but MML was still the most inexpensive.

Shirley stated that we have still not signed up with MABAS but would probably do so in the near future.

**Motion by Genung**, supported by Waldorf to Adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Syndee Genung

Augusta – Ross Fire Secretary