

# **AUGUSTA – ROSS TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD**

**Meeting of July 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM at the Augusta Village Hall by Chairman Durham.

Members present were Durham, Genung, and Waldorf. Bowers and Simpson were absent. Also present were Chief Bogema, Asst. Chief Shirley, Capt. Perkins, and Fire fighters B. Shirley, J. Knecht, J. Leatherman, and R. Leatherman.

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

**Motion by Waldorf**, supported by Durham to approve and place on file the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Durham asked about the status of MABAS. Bogema stated that they had signed papers; however there is now a disagreement with the Departments and the Chief's Association.

Durham asked if we had contacted the Telephone Company regarding the telephone line in question. Shirley stated he will contact them tomorrow.

Durham asked what the status was for the DNR grant. Bogema stated the paper work was the only left to finish this grant. He has now applied for a new grant for 2016. He will have more information at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Truck Committee:

The Committee was looking into 2 different styles of a "Grass Truck". They were looking for a lighter style and sent proposals out by email to several Fire Truck Manufactures. One of the spec's was a Polypropylene body style. It is a lot less weight and considerably less corrosion. They also wanted a Ford 550 Chassis.

Payette Fire Truck Sales – no contact.

Zahren Companies – no contact.

HME – no contact.

Pierce Manufacturing – no reply.

Spencer Manufacturing – Bid was \$ 219,427.00

Midwest Fire – Bid was \$169,868.00

**Motion by Waldorf, supported by Genung** to purchase the Fire Truck from Midwest Fire at a cost not to exceed \$170,000.00 with the "Poly Body". All ayes, motion carried.

The Truck Committee will bring this up at the August 8, 2016 Ross Township Board Meeting.

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**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Bogema stated that the "Plymovent exhaust vent" was not included in the cost of the new fire building. The vent cost \$32,980.00. He has talked with Life Care and they will pay for 1/6 of the cost.

Hose and Ladder testing have been completed. Some of the hose we have is extremely old. It will need to be replaced. Air Pack testing will be done on August 8, 2016. We purchase 3 new air bottles every year. We have 13 packs and 35 bottles. We will probably have to replace the packs soon. Water Rescue has also been completed.

Bogema stated the maintenance budget has been spent already. Truck #421 had to be towed to the Kenworth dealer. The Turbo Charger had to be replaced for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Towing cost \$225.00 and the repair cost \$4,817.00. The Tanker had to go M&K because of a major oil leak. Cost to repair the Tanker was \$2442.81

We will probably need to replace pagers within the next year or so.

The Department has done some training with the Bedford Fire Department. They have burnt down one house and plan on doing another in the near future. There will be three members of our Department taking MFR training.

On the Chief's wish list is a new Fire Boat. Several Fire Fighters have looked at some different boats but price range is \$40,000.00 to 45,000.00.

There was some discussion regarding physicals, do we want them every year or every other year. **Motion by Genung**, supported by Durham to have the physicals done every other year. Motion carried.

Car Show is scheduled for August 20, 2016.

**MEMBERS TIME:**


Genung questioned what we are going to do with the Haunted House? The new building will be up but Probably not completed. Shirley stated they have moved the Haunted House to the South Station.

Genung questioned where we will house the Fire Trucks while the buildings are to be demolished. Bogema stated that he will send the Fire Trucks home with Fire Fighters until they can get in the new building.

Genung questioned when the inventory will be completed. Our Insurance Company has requested this For two years.

**Motion by Waldorf**, supported by Durham to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Syndee Genung  
Augusta Ross Fire Secretary