

**Marine City Area Fire Authority**

**Minutes of October 15, 2014**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman, Larry Simons at 7:04 p.m. He led the group in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Present: Larry Simons, East China Twp.; Steve McConnell, Mark Posey, and Lisa Hendricks, Marine City; Linda Schwehofer and Julia Rust, China Twp.; Tom Whitenight, Cottrellville Twp. Excused: Don Beaudua, East China and Kelly Fiscelli, Cottrellville Twp.**

**Chief Slankster present, as well as, Jennifer VandenBossche.**

**Communications: None**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion Linda Schwehofer, Supported by Lisa Hendrick to accept agenda as presented. A/A M/C**

**Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2014: Motion by Steve McConnell, Supported by Mark Posey to accept the minutes as presented. A/A M/C.**

**Public Comment: None**

**Chief's Report: Report was received and placed on file. They had a training out back with Engine #1; couldn't get draft, had it fixed. Engine #2 Needed a guage.**

**Unfinished Business: a. Roof Repair: Opening of two sealed bids. Both companies are out of Port Huron. The specs that were bidded on were the same. It was for a rubber roof with rock top and seal edges.**

- 1. Tri-Star: This company gave two-separate bids; Main building \$21,800 and secondary building \$29,400. They would do both at the same time for a price of \$50,000. This came with a 15 year warranty.**

2. **Zimmer's Roofing: The base price for both sections of roof; \$36,143. They would require \$12,000 down with rest at completion. Their's also was a 15 year warranty.**

**Motion by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Lisa Hendricks to award Zimmer Roofing the bid of \$36,143 for the entire job. Roll Call Vote taken by all those present. A/A/ M/C.**

**b. Ladder Truck/ Chief Slankster We had a mechanic here. Have had no bites so far. Yale had the same problem, so they red-tagged it. Some go ahead and just scrap them. Chief will bring back for discussion at December meeting, as to how much we could get out of salvage.**

**New Business: Personnel Action Forms: Chief Slankster Bradley Theume, Richard Poole, Edward Holloman, Zachary Charbeneau, and Taylor Meyers from \$8.00 to a \$8.15, probationary rate. Motion by Larry Simons, Supported by Lisa Hendricks to approve. A/A M/C**

**Dave VandenBossche; He has completed classes and serves as the Assistant Chief. Rate from \$15.50 to \$16.50. Motion by Steve McConnell, supported by Mark Posey to approve. A/A M/C**

**Eric Cottrell; He has completed classes and holds position of Captain. Rate from \$13.00 to \$15.00. Motion by Larry Simons, supported by Julia Rust to approve. A/A M/C.**

**Lt. Ron Theume; He has completed officer classes. Rate from \$13.00 to \$13.50. Motion by Linda Schwehofer, supported by Steve McConnell to approve. A/A M/C.**

**Walter Drzewiecki; has completed for Sgt. 1 Rate from \$12.50 to \$13.00. Motion by Larry Simons, supported by Lisa Hendricks to approve. A/A M/C.**

**b. Review current wage compensation table-updates:**

**Line 9 ----- Firefighter 1 to go from \$8.00 to \$8.50**

**Line 13 --- Firefighter, Probationary from \$8.00 to \$8.15.**

**Motion made by Larry Simons to make those 2 changes to the table, supported by Linda Schwehofer A/A M/C.**

**c. Chief's Annual Evaluation: Discussion ensued; setting it for December's meeting. The Evaluation forms will be sent out by Lisa Hendrick and she is asking that they be returned to her by December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**d. Engine 1 repair bids: Chief reported that there is \$10,000. budgeted for that purpose. 1. Gary's Collision, St. Clair -----\$4,119.**

**2. J.D. Prestige Painting, Marine C. 6,723.50**

**3. Bill McDonald, Marine City 1,987.50**

**This will take care of the rust around wheels and cab. Should be out of service for 10 days to 2 weeks.**

**Motion by Steve McConnell to award bid to Bill McDonald, Marine City in the amount of \$1,987.50, supported by Lisa Hendricks. Roll Call Vote taken by all present. A/A M/C**

**All bids were sealed and then opened. Mark Posey said that he will find out more information about chemical treatments.**

**Financial Business: Motion by Lisa Hendricks to approve disbursements thru 10-8-2014, of \$27,681.37 including payroll, supported by Tom Whitenight. Roll Call Vote taken by those present. A/A/ M/C.**

**b. Preliminary Finance Statement/ Balance Sheets and Revenue/Expenditures Everything looks good, big thanks to Jennifer. Motion by Lisa Hendricks, supported by Mark Posey to receive and file. A/A M/C.**

**c. Audit Information** Jennifer reported that on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 they would be having a meeting to help complete audit. The findings will be presented at our December meeting.

**Board Member Comments;** Steve McConnell reported he was up in Roscommon and looked at tankers. Looked at a 3,000 gallon vacuum pump. Chief said it is not needed. It was a demo and had larger doors, price \$219,950. Will continue looking into prices. One other item he wanted to ask about was the LED lighting for the DPW; have we looked into it?

**Mark Posey:** No comment at this time.

**Linda Schwehofer:** Just wants to thank all of the firefighters for a good job they all do!

**Lisa Hendricks:** Brought up snow removal contracts, should be submitting to bids? December we could have Dave VandenBossche come to meeting. We were very pleased with the job performed and since we went on a per push bid with all the snow we had last year they waived or reduced cost.

**Julia Rust:** Wanted to thank the Chief and Dave for coming to our Board meeting to make presentation and answer questions.

**Jennifer VandenBossche:** Just saying thanks to everybody.

**Tom Whitenight:** Likes the way the figures are coming out and thanks Jennifer.

**Chief Slankster:** Thanks to the whole Board. He is looking into Grants. Discussion about the Enbridge Pipeline and what we might be able to get out of these new pipelines coming into our region. Also, his work hours are changing so he will more than likely have to re-arrange hours at the station. More like 6-10.

**Larry Simons:** He attended that meeting with E.T. Rover Pipeline. It is a 42 inch high pressure gas line that will be affecting both East China and China Townships. Perhaps we can get them to give some safety training. Chief said yes! Larry would also like to set up a CPR training and first aid class for all of his people at East China. He is inviting China Township too!

**Our next meeting will be December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Motion by Lisa Hendricks, supported by Linda Schwehofer to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. A/A M/C.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Schwehofer  
Recording Secretary**