

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES AUTHORITY

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011, AT 4:00 P.M.

LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION

Present: CITY OF LOWELL Maryalene LaPonsie
Jake Callier
LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP Clifford Bonn
Carlton Blough
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Tim Wittenbach

Absent: Jim Herb

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Sue Olin, Frank Martin, Jerry Hale and Mark Howe.

In the absence of Jim Herb, Carlton Blough served as Acting Chair.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by WITTENBACH to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by BONN to approve the meeting agenda including Budget approval. Motion carried.

Item #1. TREASURER'S REPORT. Sue Olin reported an ending balance of \$16,097.41. There may be a shortfall. The governing units will be notified. Census numbers are to be effective July 1 which will change the percentages of contribution by the governing units.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by CALLIER to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #2. 2011-2012 BUDGET. Olin reviewed the budget with the Boardmembers noting the following:

- \$9000 cost of equipment
- \$5000 received from the Look Memorial Fund
- \$3000 sale of old cascade filling station
- \$2000 cost of new filling station

It was then shown total expenditures are now \$210,572 while revenues are projected to be \$232,072.

Census figures and runs will be provided in the budget as these are available.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by BONN to approve the 2011-2012 Fire Budget. Motion carried.

Olin then provided the 2010-2011 Budget amendments. Total revenues were amended by \$26,630.20 while total expenditures increased \$70,405.29. These reflect primarily from extra runs. Fees need correction.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by BONN to approve the Budget amendments. Motion carried.

Item #3. FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES. Chief Frank Martin reported on the major repairs to equipment. Funding has been received from the Lowell Area Community Fund and the LCTV Endowment Fund for a new complete set of extrication tools. Five vendors have shown their equipment. After evaluations, a decision on which tool will be made. Genesis is the preferred. A demo is planned for Wednesday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. The old tool should be sold receiving perhaps \$4000.

The Look Memorial Fund has given \$5000 toward the air filling station, which the Board agreed to purchase. There is a need to budget the remaining \$4000. The Department may have a buyer for the old system getting \$3000.

The safety trailer has been to several locations this year for fire prevention and education.

The Department purchased Rockford Ambulance's special events vehicle. It will be used at the fair, Fallasburg Fall Festival and the parades. The vehicle was repainted, new lettering, the seat repaired and tuned up. This was done at no cost by local vendors.

The names will be on the cart.

The truck lent to Gratten Township is back, having been there for six months.

The ISO rating has been upgraded from a 6 to 5.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS. The Boardmembers briefly discussed the Kent One proposal regarding government consolidation.

Discussion was also held regarding future equipment purchase. Olin noted a 16 year depreciation.

Lowell Township Supervisor Jerry Hale stated a new agreement has been reached with Bowne Township for the lower third of Lowell Township, paying \$17,000.

Any changes in the Fire Agreement will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2011 at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Jim Herb, Chair

Mark A. Howe, Recording Secretary