

SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY
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FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held December 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on December 20, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Chairman Tracy Locey at 6:00 pm.

The following members of the Authority Board were present for all or part of the meeting: Tracy Locey, Jason Gatlin, Don Ulsh, Carl Keller and Todd Carlin.

Guests in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Chief McMillan and Administrator Dee.

Approval of the Agenda

Keller moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Gatlin moved, seconded by Carlin to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Roll Call 5-0-1 sustained.**

Budget Report

Gatlin moved, seconded by Tomlinson to approve the budget report as presented. **Roll Call 5-1.**

List of Bills

Gatlin moved, seconded by Ulsh to approve the list of bills as presented. **Roll Call 6-0.**

Communications & Correspondence- Letter from Schoolcraft Village- discussion took place and board decided since there have been several budget presentations to the board in the past, they can attend our meeting or even contact the auditors for any questions.

Citizen's Time – None.

Old Business-

- a. 2024-2025 Proposed Budget & Resolution 122022023-1- all entities approved the budget at their meetings except for Schoolcraft Village. Ulsh moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve Resolution 122022023-1 as presented. **Roll Call 5-1.**
- b. Life Ambulance Agreement- Discussion took place and Chief will bring RFQ to Fire Board's meeting next month.
- c. Proposed Village of Vicksburg Lease- Chief stated that a guy did come to look at it, and the roof will need to be replaced. Jim Mallory told the Chief to look # 9 on lease agreement.

New Business-

- a. 2024 Meeting Schedule- Keller moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve the 2024 meeting schedule as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- b. Officer & Committee Elections- Keller moved, seconded by Gatlin to keep the same positions as last year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Regular Reports

Chiefs Report- Reviewed. Resignation of Firefighter Ron Glenn. Gatlin moved, seconded by Tomlinson to approve the resignation of Firefighter Glenn. **Motion carried 6-0.**
Chief also discussed ISO and has appealed the #6 rating that went up from a #5. This was not due to the fire department.

Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee – Tomlinson discussed tires for replacement, he suggests replacing steer tires as those are more important at this time which will cost almost \$1,500. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve the spending of steer tires up to \$1,500.00. **Roll Call 6-0.**

Human Resources – none.

Finance/Planning Committee – Locey to set up a meeting for finance committee.

Facilities Committee- none.

Members Time –


Ulsh- discussed the water/sewer project and how Lockport Township is willing to send water up 131 to the boarder of Kalamazoo County, Schoolcraft Village would need to agree so Schoolcraft Township could access this. Tomlinson said this would give Schoolcraft Village an out, so they won't have to figure out a place for a well. McMillan said that it would also help with ISO ratings.

Gatlin- Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Carlin- Keith is retiring and stepping down as President in January. The steps behind Station 1 were discussed as the first few steps were removed due to the water main break. Locey asked Chief to get a stair deficiency first, then we can go from there. Merry Christmas!

Locey- Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Safe Travels!

With there being no further business, Locey adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.



Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tania Dee.