

**SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY**  
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**FIRE AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting Held March 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on March 15, 2023. The meeting was called to order by 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, Carl Keller, Steve Fryling, and Todd Carlin.

Absent from the meeting: Mike Tomlinson

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

Added under New Business was By Law Amendments.

Keller moved, seconded by Fryling to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Budget Report**

Gatlin moved, seconded by Carlin to approve the budget report as presented. **Roll Call 5-0.**

**List of Bills**

Fryling moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve the list of bills as presented. **Roll Call 5-0.**

**Communications & Correspondence**- none.

**Citizen's Time** – none.

**Old Business**-

- a. Consider purchase of (1) Pierce Mfg. Saber custom chassis 3000-gallon tanker- Discussion took place, Locey and Dee are working together on financial analysis and should have that ready for Siegfried & Crandall April 1<sup>st</sup>, Chief and Dee are also setting up a meeting to go over the CIP.

**New Business**-

- a. FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendments. Gatlin moved, seconded by Fryling to approve the budget amendments as presented. **Roll Call 5-0.**
- b. By Law Amendment- discussion took place for amending the By Laws on alternates. Keller moved, seconded by Fryling to have Locey contact lawyers and draft amendment to By Laws. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## **Regular Reports**

Chiefs Report- presented.

## **Committee Reports**

*Apparatus Committee* – 1512 is currently out of service and in for major repairs and total cost is unknown, but will be high. 1521 is running as 1512's backup. Fryling asked Chief what his thoughts were on the Ohio train derailment and if he thought we were prepared to handle an issue like that. Chief stated that we are prepared as we can be with emergency management. When dealing with a railroad, it is federal so local hazmat team may not be allowed on scene. Reminder, if we have a Hazmat incident, this Authority is getting a bill for the Kalamazoo team. Each entity should check out cost recovery ordinance, and or for the authority. Wakeshma has one. Chief stated that having a cost recovery ordinance will allow you to get money back in certain situations.

*Human Resources* – none.

*Finance/Planning Committee* – discussed above.

*Facilities Committee*- None.

## **Members Time** –

Carlin- With Pride Care being in news, is this causing issues in our area? Chief stated that it is not for us, and they are staffing two ambulances here now. He will continue monitoring the situation and keep us updated if there are any issues that should arise.

Gatlin- Disappointed by the article in The South County Newspaper with the Schoolcraft Village. Summarization is Schoolcraft Village talking about how we didn't plan for a vehicle and our poor planning constitutes as them feeling like they shouldn't have to help out. It also states Village of Vicksburg wasn't for the purchase of the vehicle either, which we know is not true because that is not what we heard in last meeting. Keller stated that the article wasn't true for Village of Vicksburg.

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With there being no further business, Locey adjourned the meeting at 6:18pm.

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Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tania Dee.