

SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY
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FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held July 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on July 17, 2024. 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, Mike Thomlinson, Alternate-Tim Frisbie, Don Ulsh and Kathy Mastenbrook.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Locey would like to move IX (a) to VII (a). Locey moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Gatlin moved, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Roll Call 6-0.**

Budget Report

Gatlin moved, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the budget report as presented. **Roll Call 6-0.**

List of Bills

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

Communications & Correspondence- None.

Citizen's Time –

John Gisler- Possible time change for the Justice Center Downtown open house, he will keep us updated.

Denny Olson- Spoke about accidents that have happened recently at both Portage Road and U Avenue and at Sprinkle Rd and TU Avenue. He believes the round-a-bout at 23rd Street and TU Avenue is the wrong place and should be at the other two intersections. He also knows that Vicksburg and Fulton need new stations and wants to know what it will take to handle these forgoing issues. Locey stated that a grant has been put out there to get a round-a-bout at Sprinkle Rd and TU Avenue.

Ron Ferrucci- has concerns about the call times and/or calling out neighboring departments and would like to see staffing at the stations even if this means different funding options. He is also concerned that board members may only be looking out for their own entities and not the whole South County region. Locey stated that the SKCFA Board serves for the whole Authority, and that the items in question are being addressed.

Jeff Anderson with MI Class Local Government Investment Pool that was created in 1991 by local Treasurers work. The key is safety, liquidity, diversity and fund flexibility with no costs to the investor. The yield today is at 5.41% and that gets paid out daily which helps money grow faster, and there is no waiting period to get you money like 6, 12, 18-month CD's. You request your money through the portal and will have it the next morning, they also allow for sub accounts to help save for certain equipment or items. There are a few things needed to invest, but a resolution does not lock you into using them. Locey stated that we currently have no investment policy and should have one for Board next month. Locey moved, seconded by Gatlin to table until the August meeting. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Old Business-

- a. Proposed Village of Vicksburg Lease- Frisbie stated that the Village of Vicksburg will not replace the roof. Locey stated that Facilities Committee met and they have asked Chief to get 3 quotes for the repair of the roof.
- b. Ambulance Provider Agreement- discussion took place and Chief stated a draft contract is coming out and Chief will email that to the Board for their review.
- c. Program Software- looking to reschedule a zoom meeting for the August meeting.

New Business-

- a. 2023- 2024 Draft Audit- discussion took place and Mastenbrook asked if Jeff from Seigfried and Crandall would mind coming to the next meeting to explain the management letter and answer any questions. Dee will contact them to see if they are available. Frisbie moved, seconded by Ulsh to have Jeff from Seigfried and Crandall out for August meeting.

Motion carried 6-0.

- b. BA-07172024- Fire Hose Pre-approved in July 2023- Discussion took place. Mastenbrook asked if this was already a journal entry for the 2023-2024 FY Audit. Dee will look into this. Locey moved, seconded by Frisbie to table until August meeting. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Sale of EMS Building- Discussion took place and it was recommended by Locey since the building does not fit the Authorities need, the Authority is not interested. Locey moved, seconded by Gatlin to decline on the EMS Building offer. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Regular Reports

Chiefs Report- Reviewed and highlighted a house fire in the Village of Vicksburg and would like to acknowledge the neighbors that helped the occupants out of the burning house. Since we have had a large amount of rain lately, flooding has been an issue as well. Indian Lake is having a big issue with the flooding.

Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee – had a meeting and will have another one for the final numbers which will be presented next month.

Human Resources – meeting after this meeting is finished.

Finance/Planning Committee – holding tight until they get some information to go over.

Facilities Committee –nothing more to add.

Members Time –

Ulsh- Schoolcraft Township has been dealing with flooding complaints about farmers' fields and run-offs from their fields.

With there being no further business, Locey adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm.

Jason Gatlin, Secretary

Typed by Tania Dee.

Proposed