

SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY
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FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held August 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on August 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Gatlin at 6:00 pm.

The following members of the Authority Board were present for all or part of the meeting: Colin Bailey, Todd Carlin, Jason Gatlin, Tracy Locey, and Mike Tomlinson.
The following were absent: Ken Hovenkamp.

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

Approval of the Agenda

Bailey moved, seconded by Carlin to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Locey moved, seconded by Tomlinson to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

List of Bills

Locey moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the list of bills as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Communications – None.

Citizen's Time – None.

Regular Reports

Chief's Report- McMillan reviewed the presented Fire Chief's Report.

McMillan requested using money from last year to buy a radio for the Commander Car in the amount of \$5,723.60, and to purchase Class C uniforms in the amount of \$1,000.00. Locey moved, seconded by Gatlin. **Motion carried 5-0.** (Note: no budget amendment was made.)

McMillan spoke with Jim Mallory, and we need to start looking into a new location for Station 2 within a year. A suggestion about buying the building came up, Locey is not sure that would be an option. Bailey will go talk with Mallory before getting the Finance Committee together.

Advisory Committee Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee – Annual truck inspections still going at this time.

McMillan brought up the issues with the tanker on the reoccurring cracks and the options are to either fix, replace tank or replace tanker. Discussion's concluded to look into price for a tank, as it still has 10-12 years out for the tanker to be replaced.

Human Resources – No report.

Finance/Planning Committee – No report. Locey and Dee will start putting Budget together soon.

New Business-

- a. Siegfried Crandall Audit needs to be taken back ASAP to each Municipality and voted on.

Old Business

- a. South County EMS Building to be tabled. Gatlin moved, seconded by Locey. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Citizen's Time

Denny Olson- Gave a brief update on his brother's, and about his sister and brother-in-law's motorcycle accident on August 3rd. Both survived because they were wearing their helmets. Denny said that they have already raised over \$9,000 on a go fund me page that was set up, and many fundraisers are going on to help with their medical expenses during recovery. Denny wanted to Thank Ken Hovenkamp for coming up to the Hospital for counseling Brenda and Joel after their accident.

Bill Mears gave a brief update on the building repairs and remodeling that has been taking place, and also gave us a rundown of improvements that will be happening over the next few months. Bill discussed adding on a 3-bay extension and has no problem making it tall enough for firetrucks in the event SKCFA needed a place to store equipment.

Ron Ferrucci suggested applying for grants to help out with the tanker and other purchases.

Members Time

Locey- consolidated dispatch is doing a survey on how to fund the dispatch. We are looking at 3 years that are paid before the key people pull out, then they will be coming to the Municipalities for money. Voters have already voted it down once, and if voted down again, it will come back on the townships. The current fees being charged on phone bills are currently at their state allowable max.

Locey- Townhall meeting tomorrow, August 22nd, 2019 in Richland for Fire Department training requirements that have changed in Public Act 291.

With there being no further business, Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.



Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tania Dee.