

SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY

FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held April 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on April 19, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Gatlin at 7:00 pm.

The following members of the Authority Board were present for all or part of the meeting: Todd Carlin, Jason Gatlin, Randy Smith, Mike Tomlinson and Don Ulsh. Absent: Colin Bailey.

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

List of Bills

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

Communications – None.

Citizen's Time – None.

Regular Reports

Chief's Report

Chief McMillan reviewed the presented written report. Smith reported dispatch will be tracking and reporting the number of calls in which there was no response through the end the year.

Advisory Committee Report

Jim Mallery stated the committee is continuing to meet with Chief McMillan. A review of the apparatus replacement schedule is taking place. Improvements for background checks are also being made for pre-employment screening.

Administrator's Report

Locey recommended an approximate 2% wage increase in the hourly rates for all personnel and in the stipend rates for Battalion Chiefs, Captains, and Lieutenants. Smith moved, seconded by Tomlinson to approve the rate increases as presented. **Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.**

Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee - No report.

Human Resources

A draft evaluation for Chief McMillan was presented to the board members. Questions, comments, and additions should be forwarded to Gatlin in writing.

Finance/Planning Committee

South County EMS (SCEMS) had called a meeting inviting the four township supervisors, and the village presidents and managers. It was announced SCEMS is struggling financially. Ulsh has requested area township supervisors forward their EMS agreements to him for review. So far, all townships have indicated they are not paying for EMS services. Ulsh stated SCEMS is working with Borgess Hospital on an agreement they had that has been terminated. SKCFA eliminated alternate members to the board at its last Articles of Incorporation review because an alternate could be faced with a difficult decision and not be fully informed on an issue. If more information becomes available SKCFA may call a special meeting if action is needed prior to the next regular meeting.

New Business – None.

Old Business

MABAS Update – Tabled.

Retention & Recruitment Plan – Tabled.

Citizen's Time

Denny Olsen – Mr. Olsen expressed his concern over the portion of the CPSM report that was originally provided to the attorney and was protected under attorney/client privilege. Olsen feels statutes were violated and wishes to have Smith resign from the SKCFA Board.

Smith responded stating the report was not in the possession of SKCFA therefore was not a FOIA-able document. The report and its release was lawfully handled. The email distributed with the report clearly indicates Smith was protecting the Chief's legacy and reputation.

Members Time

Ulsh reported interest in sewer services is gaining support specifically north and south of the village.

Smith stated the county has decided to retain the funds currently collected for 911 services to use in other areas throughout the county.

With there being no further business, Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tracy Locey.