

SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY

FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held January 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on January 17, 2018. 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: Colin Bailey, Todd Carlin, Jason Gatlin, Ken Hovenkamp, and Mike Tomlinson. Absent: Randy Smith

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

Approval of the Agenda

Gatlin added item IX.a. Chief Salary Discussion. Bailey moved, seconded by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

List of Bills

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

Communications – None.

Citizen's Time

Ron Ferrucci – Mr. Ferrucci stated he feels the Articles of Incorporation should not be modified to have the treasurer filled by an elected person. He expressed his frustration that accommodations were not made when the Chief ran for Supervisor.

Regular Reports

Chief's Report

A written report was reviewed. Pager evaluations are still being conducted in association with the AFG Grant. Other grant opportunities are being explored. The Enbridge grant vehicle is about 80% complete. A bid solicitation for the jeep has been posted. McMillan recommended Jacob Boven be removed from probation. Gatlin moved, seconded by Hovenkamp to approve the recommendation as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.** One of the heaters at Station 2 has been repaired the other heater is too costly to repair.

Advisory Committee Report – No report.

Administrator's Report

A written report was presented. Final allocation numbers were distributed.

Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee – No report.

Human Resources – Nothing further.

Finance/Planning Committee – No report.

New Business

Chief Salary Discussion – Bailey stated the chief's salary should be reviewed. The human resource committee will obtain information for similar sized communities for comparison.

Old Business

Review of Proposed By-Law Changes – An Executive Summary was provided along with the proposed draft changes to the Articles of Incorporation (AOI). Tomlinson stated when the AOI was originally drafted they were seeking continuity in the accounting function knowing board membership would change. The SKCFA board is not made up of people that run for a particular office with a specific skill set, yet instead a board made up of appointed officials from their respective boards. The HR committee will review the proposed changes and weigh the pros and cons.

Citizen's Time

Don Ulsh – Mr. Ulsh is now a certified chaplain. The department is welcome to utilize his services in the absence of Greg from United Methodist Church. Ulsh may invite McMillan to provide an update to his board on the living conditions of some community members.

Denny Olsen – Mr. Olsen would like the AOI left alone. The board should be able to remove members at any time. There should be alternate members. If the AOI are going to be looked at, then all aspects should be examined.

Bill Adams – The community should understand the need for funding for families in the community living in poverty.

Members Time

Hovenkamp noted Parchment and Cooper have added chaplains to their departments.

Carlin thanked Ulsh for his service as a chaplain.

Galtin congratulated Boven on his accomplishments.

Tomlinson thanked the firefighters for their service.

With there being no further business, Gatlin adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tracy Locey.