

SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY

FIRE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held October 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on October 19, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Randy Smith at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Adams recommended the following change to page 3 of the Special Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2016

“After the email was sent to the Board, Nason resigned. There are questions as to what occurred that would result in his resignation. In his ~~resignation~~ email letter, Nason sited: 1. some members felt uncomfortable giving up authority; 2. he felt he was being setup to be the fall guy for replacing Chief McMillan due to political ramifications; and 3. the suggestion of a closed meeting. Gatlin read a portion of Nason’s resignation letter.”

Adams moved, seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Motion carried 6-0.**

List of Bills

The list of bills was presented. Locey noted the penalty and interest to the Michigan Department of Treasury was for a late withholding payment from March 2015. Ulsh moved, seconded by Tomlinson to approve the list of bills as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Communications – None.

Citizen’s Time

Ron Ferrucci – Ferrucci stated he supports the cross training of the Vicksburg Police Officers, but does not want SKCFA funds used to train people that will only be responding in the village. He is working to develop solutions to responses, response times and moral of the department.

Adams noted the training the VPD is provided by the City of Kalamazoo.

Regular Reports

Chief’s Report

Chief McMillan reviewed the written report. McMillan requested the Board approve hiring Abigail Duran. Duran has been an explorer for two years and has completed her EMT classes while in high school. Ulsh moved, seconded by Adams to approve the recommendation. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Ulsh inquired with McMillan about a concealed carry policy. McMillan said he is looking at area departments on their policies related the right to carry.

Administrator's Report

Locey reviewed the written report.

Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee

Engine 3 has a pump valve being repaired.

Human Resources

Adams stated the committee has been in contact with Nason and will have more to report in thirty days.

Planning Committee – None.

New Business

Consider Retention & Recruitment Plan – Smith stated he would like to see costs for the program included in the plan. He would also like to know how staff would be selected to be highlighted in the South County News. Sue Moore from the South County News says they are not willing to write monthly articles but would be willing to write a promotional article. Adams would like to see the plans for the dayroom at Station 2 included in the plan.

Consider Future Meeting Venue Location – Ulsh and Adams would like to continue to hold meetings at the South County EMS building. Consensus after a brief discussion was to not change the venue.

Old Business

MABAS Update – Tabled.

Members Time

Carlin noted the railroad tracks at US131 will be closed for two weeks.

Adams informed Modern Woodman will be recognizing SKCFA with a Hero's Award. Erin McGuire will be soon making the announcement.

Ulsh stated he liked the tone of the meeting tonight.

McMillan stated ISO is in the process of reviewing our communities' ratings. At minimum the ratings will stay the same if not decrease. (Decrease in rating is positive movement) McMillan also provided an update on the last two recent fires.

With there being no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tracy Locey.