

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES AUTHORITY

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010, AT 4:05 P.M.

LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION

Present: CITY OF LOWELL Jake Callier  
LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP Clifford Bonn  
Carlton Blough  
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Tim Wittenbach  
Jim Herb

Absent: Maryalene LaPonsie

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Sue Olin, Frank Martin, Jerry Hale and James Hinton.

IT WAS MOVED BY HERB and supported by BLOUGH to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. TREASURER'S REPORT. Sue Olin provided a Treasurer's Report to the Board noting the Vergennes Township payment had not been received.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and supported by HERB to approve the Treasurer's Report with the Vergennes Township payments included. Motion carried.

Item #2. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2010-2011 BUDGET WORKSHEETS. The 2009-2010 Budget Amendments were reviewed. The following expenditures were greater than planned:

- turnout gear purchased through a FEMA grant
- salaries (\$100,000 budget \$85,000)
- building maintenance and supplies (new air conditioner installed)

The revenues were \$37,850 with expenditures as amended at \$37,697.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and supported by BONN to approve the 2009-2010 Budget amendments as submitted. Motion carried.

The 2010-2011 Operating Budget was reviewed. The salaries were estimated at \$90,000 based on the number of runs. Chief Martin stated that there are more than one hundred runs than last year. The current total is 362.

Population change in the involved jurisdictions will be reflected in the new census.

The Boardmembers inquired regarding major purchases for the coming year. Martin mentioned a replacement for the 1988 Ford, tanker or multi purpose truck.

Two budgets were presented, one with a truck and one without. The rescue GMC Yukon LX costs \$39,000 with \$18,000 provided by the Lowell Area Community Fund.

The second budget raises contributions (\$72,000 to \$80,000 for Lowell Township, \$69,000 to \$76,000 for Vergennes Township and \$68,000 to \$75,000 for the City) to accommodate the purchase of the truck.

The fund balance is now \$27,345 and rose to \$43,000 with Vergennes' contribution.

A total of \$10,000 per month for fire pay has been estimated including use of cell phones.

Martin noted Verizon works where Nextel doesn't. Two way is not needed. Thus, Verizon is used.

IT WAS MOVED BY HERB and supported by BLOUGH to approve the 2010-2011 Budget without the purchase of a fire truck. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED BY HERB and supported by BONN to approve the 2010-2011 Budget with the purchase or lease of a fire truck paid in full or in part with the Lowell Area Community Fund and/or financed. Motion carried.

Item #3. OTHER BUSINESS/BOARD QUESTIONS. Bonn requested status on the ISO report. Martin said it will take about six months to receive this.

A confined space training session was held at King Milling.

Martin said the old truck (valued at \$3,000) was sold to the Waste Water Treatment Plant for \$1,500 with the Fire Authority receiving the proceeds.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2010 at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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Tim Wittenbach, Chair

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David M. Pasquale, Recording Secretary