

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES AUTHORITY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010, AT 4:02 P.M.

LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION

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

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

Item #1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

IT WAS MOVED BY BONN and supported by CALLIER to elect the following as officers: Jim Herb as Chairperson, Carlton Blough as Vice Chairperson, Maryalene LaPonsie as Secretary/Treasurer appointing Sue Olin as Assistant Treasurer and Dave Pasquale as Recording Secretary. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED BY CALLIER and supported by BLOUGH to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #2. TREASURER'S REPORT. Sue Olin noted the authority had a fund balance of \$29,000 as of November 30. Prompt payments have been provided by the townships. Quarterly statements should be out this week. The audit is being completed by Biggs Hausserman.

IT WAS MOVED BY BONN and supported by CALLIER to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #3. FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES. Chief Frank Martin reported on the following:

- A payment of \$7386.24 from insurance will be received for repairs on the county truck.
- Grattan Fire Department has engine #5 at their station since their accident. It looks like mid February before they get their replacement truck.

Martin noted the back up truck is insured with the County.

- New brakes were placed on utility truck #4, during the annual inspection.
- The new medical unit should be going into service within the next week. The lighting cost \$2660.48, with dept paying \$1000.00 of the cost. The dept also paid for the lettering, \$350.00, the bedslide for equipment \$854.00, and for the medical equipment bags \$154.00. The total from the dept fund raiser acct was \$2358.00.
- Calls for the first and second quarters of the year are 85 fire related calls and 258 medicals.
- Total calls for the year are 195 fire related calls and 496 medical calls, not counting the month of December.
- Calls are up 50 due to more medical, accidents and suicides.
- Each member is given a holiday ham. The hams were purchased through Gary's Country meats. We have 28 members on the department.
- The Hurst tool Jaws of Life is 35 years old. Application to the Lowell Area Community Fund and LCTV Endowment Fund will be made to cover the \$37,000 cost.
- The new Yukon Suburban is in service. Martin is using the used truck.
- Overall, it has been a good year with no injuries.
- Under a new law, fire insurance is held until repairs are investigated and done.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS/BOARD QUESTIONS.

- The audit will be completed by December 31 and sent to the State as well as Boardmembers.
- A budget review will be carried out.
- Lowell Township met with Bowne Township to discuss fire services.
- James Hinton, Police Chief noted that the Kent County Dispatch Authority will receive cell calls from the County or Grand Rapids Police as of January 1 rerouted from the State Police.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2011 at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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Jim Herb, Chair

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David M. Pasquale, Recording Secretary