

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES AUTHORITY

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, AT 4:02 P.M.

LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION

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

Absent: Jake Callier

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

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by BONN to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. TREASURER'S REPORT. Sue Olin noted that there is \$22,000 in the Huntington account. Two more payments from the townships totaling \$35,501.47 are due. A check from FEMA of \$6,991 has been received.

A budget presentation was provided showing expenditures. A fund balance of \$17,000 is expected for June 30. An audit is being completed. More funds may be needed to reconcile the account.

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

Police Chief James Hinton said there have been radio communication problems for the Police, Fire, Public Works and Light and Power. A grant application of \$22,000 has been submitted to the LCTV Endowment Fund for needed radio frequencies and equipment.

Item #2. FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES. Chief Frank Martin said there have been 143 calls this year. A leak in the Fire Station roof was found by the tower.

The purchase of a cascade air system was discussed earlier for filling our air bottles at a cost of \$36,000. The department has a chance to purchase a unit like this, except it is five years old with 122 hours on the compressor for \$9,000 from the Williamston Fire Department. This is an excellent buy for the department and a huge savings to the authority.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by BLOUGH to purchase the Cascade air system for \$9,000 subject to 90 days for acquisition. Motion carried.

Item #3. OTHER BUSINESS. A brief discussion was held regarding consolidation and any share of costs.

- The Firefighters breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 26, from 7:00 -11:00 a.m.
- During the budget presentation, it was noted that the operating supplies rose \$1,600.
- The fire truck which Grattan Township borrowed is still there.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2011 at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Jim Herb, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Recording Secretary