

LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2012, 4 p.m.
Look Memorial Fire Station

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Jim Herb called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Members Present: Carlton Blough, Jake Callier, Jim Herb, Susan Reister, Jim Valentine and Tim Wittenbach.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Barry Getzen, Roger Reed, Jerry Hale, Frank Martin, Sue Olin and Mark Howe

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Blough, supported by Wittenbach, to approve the agenda as submitted. Yes – all. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Callier, supported by Valentine, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2012. Yes – all. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sue Olin reviewed the financial reports with the authority. All revenue from the city and townships has been received. Moved by Valentine, supported by Callier, to approve the financial reports. Yes – all. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (MAXIMUM OF 2 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

There was no public comment.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Discussion

There was discussion about the possibility of setting up committees. Herb will bring a recommendation to the next meeting on a few committees he feels would provide some value to the authority.

B. Strategic Planning Report

This item will be placed on the agenda next month as two members of the authority had not had a chance to review the report.

C. Discussion of Secretary/Treasurer Position

Moved by Wittenbach, supported by Blough, to review this item to the next meeting.
Yes – all. Motion carried.

D. Capital Plan, Vehicle Replacement

Chief Frank Martin has been looking at a pumper replacement but did not receive information that he expected before the meeting. He will have something at the next meeting for discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Code Inspector Roger Reed discussed the fire code and suggested that all of the municipalities adopt a similar code. Moved by Valentine, supported by Callier, to obtain information from the fire department for review and to send to units of government with an overview of why a uniform code will be beneficial. Yes- all. Motion carried.

Martin review wage and compensation scales of Bowne, Cascade and Ada township fire departments with the authority.

9. MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

10. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

Next meeting will be May 29, 2012, at 4 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Callier, supported by Blough, to adjourn. Yes – all. Motion carried.

Jim Herb, Chairman

Mark Howe, Recording Secretary