

LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 20, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
Look Memorial Fire Station

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Herb.

Members Present: Tim Wittenbach, Susan Reister, Dave Pasquale, Chris Schwab, Jim Herb.

Members Absent: Carlton Blough.

Others Present: Bob Rogers, Barry Getzen, Fire Chief Frank Martin, Sue Olin, Mark Howe.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Wittenbach, supported by Reister, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013, meeting. Yes – all. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved by Wittenbach, supported by Reister, to approve the financial reports as presented. Yes – all. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. New Pumper Discussion

Wittenbach, Blough and Roger Reed attended an event in Indianapolis, Indiana, where the various vendors of fire trucks were present. There was discussion on whether or not a pumper-tanker or mini-pumper should be purchased. There was also discussion on purchasing a used truck, perhaps a 2008 or 2009 that doesn't have the emission problems that the older trucks have.

Herb asked Martin if he could itemize the equipment used, number of firefighters responding, and other information for each of the fire responses during the past year.

It was suggested that Calvin Brink from the county be invited to the next meeting.

There was discussion about how much might be needed for equipment replacement during the next few years with \$60,000 annually being mentioned. It was suggested that the three municipalities get together to determine what they could make available for equipment replacement on an annual basis for the next few years.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Lowell Township Supervisor Jerry Hale brought information to the group that Cooley Law School has interns available who might be able to help research legal issues the fire authority may need assistance with. There has been some discussion about whether or not the authority agreement and bylaws are consistent. Moved by Wittenbach, supported by Reister, that the chairman pursue an intern to work with the fire authority. Yes – all. Motion carried.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Re-assignment of Committees

Members were asked to consider before the next meeting what committee assignment they would like.

B. Personnel Evaluation and Compensation

No report.

C. Capital Appropriations

No report.

D. Financial

No report.

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Fire Chief Frank Martin presented his report.

10. MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

11. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Wittenbach, supported by Reister, to adjourn. Yes – all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Herb, Chairman

Mark Howe, Recording Secretary