

**LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 19, 2014 3:30 p.m.

Look Memorial Fire Station

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Herb called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Herb, Susan Reister, David Pasquale, Tim Wittenbach,

Others Present: Frank Martin, Ron Vanoverbeek, Paul Roderick, Roger Reed, Suzanne Olin Jerry Hale, Mark Howe

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS Moved by Pasquale, and supported by Wittenbach to approve the agenda. Yes – all.
Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Reister, supported by Pasquale to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014, meeting.
Yes – all. Motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT. Olin presented the financial reports and a preliminary budget.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments were received.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fire Rescue Pumper Update

Martin stated the truck is expected the first of July or August 2014. The second payment will most likely be due the end of August. Martin said there are no problems that he has heard of with the building of the truck. Howe mentioned the Grand Rapids Community fund has been approached for assistance with the second payment of the pumper. He said the payment for the truck will have to be made up front by the municipalities. He added we will most likely find out the outcome of the grant in October 2014.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preliminary Budget. Olin presented a preliminary budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. She added the payments to the County have gone up slightly. Also, she provided the board with a proposed budget that included \$12,000 additional for painting the fire barn garage floor and one without painting the floor. Martin said the floor has not been painted in 10 years. Martin said he has received two bids for painting and the old surface will be shop blasted. Martin added four 4 additional fireman have been hired to the department. Olin added this year's budget is very similar to last year's. Also, the budget amendments will be provided at the June meeting. .

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Capital Appropriations. No comments were received.
- B. Financial. No comments were received

9. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATES

Fire Chief Frank Martin presented his monthly reports. He mentioned the department has 30 calls less than the previous year. He added eight firemen will be attending officer class in June.

Ron VanOverbeek mentioned three firemen attended MABAS training at the Kent County Airport. He added their involvement was minimal.

10. MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

11. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

Next meeting will be June 16, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Reister to adjourn. Yes – all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Herb, Chairman

Mark Howe, Recording Secretary