



MINUTES
CHELSEA AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2009 8:00 AM
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Chair Koch.

Members present: LuAnn Koch, John Edwards, Rod Anderson, John Francis, and Greg Williams (arrived at 8:06).

Also present: Chief Payeur, Pat Kelly (Dexter Twp.), Ken Unterbrink (Lima Twp.), Arlene Bareis (Lima Twp.) Roger Simpson (HVA), Dale Berry (HVA).

A Quorum was present.

Public Participation

Pat Hanniford held a discussion regarding the Fund Balance. Anderson requests that the minutes reflect this (Fund Balance) is maintained through achieving a surplus on an annual basis.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Anderson to approve the regular meeting minutes of 02-10-09 and the special meeting minutes of 02-25-09. Carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson to approve the invoices paid. Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Williams to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

New Business:

- A. Discussion regarding dispatch of fire services. Anderson expressed concerns about need to solve problems pertaining to excessive dispatching to Chelsea Retirement Community. Dale Berry (HVA) gave an update on the Huron Valley Ambulance dispatch center and presented to the board several reasons for consolidation of dispatch in Washtenaw County.
- B. Discussion regarding distribution of board packets. Koch recommended that six board packets be prepared in the future (one for each board member and one for Dexter Twp.) instead of eleven. Koch further recommended each entity contact Kim Payeur to arrange for delivery or pick-up of their board packet.

Old Business:

- A. The Fee Schedule was discussed and the opinion letter from Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith P.C. regarding the fee schedule was presented. Taking into consideration that

opinion letter, the board requested that Chief Payeur develop defensible fire service fee amounts for the board to consider at a future date.

B. The updated 5 year sliding average was presented to the board and discussed.

Chiefs Report

Chief Payeur presented a report on several ongoing CAFA activities.

Incident Statistics:

The board reviewed the incident statistics for February 2009.

Next Meeting Date/Place and Information/Announcements

Koch and Anderson to meet with the retirement communities to discuss dispatch concerns on April 13, 2009 at the Fire Hall.

Next regular meeting is April 14, 2009 at 8AM at the Sylvan Township Hall.

Adjournment

Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson to adjourn.

John Francis

Secretary/Treasurer

(Minutes Approved 04-14-09)

APPROVED