



MINUTES
CHELSEA AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 12, 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.

Members absent: none

Also present: Chief Payeur, Pat Kelly (Dexter Twp.), Linda Reilly (Lyndon Twp.), Ken Unterbrink (Lima Twp.), Arlene Bareis (Lima Twp.) Roger Simpson (HVA), Gary Adams (Lima Twp.), Don Laier (Lima Twp.), Greg McKenzie (Lima Twp.).

A Quorum was present.

Public Participation: none

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

Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson to approve the administrative meeting minutes of 04-14-09 as amended, the regular meeting minutes of 04-14-09 as amended and the special meeting minutes of 04-20-09 as amended, . Carried.

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

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

New Business:

- A. New Truck -- The board discussed issues surrounding the purchase of a new fire truck to replace both truck 6-6 and truck 6-3. Motion by Francis, seconded by Anderson, to sell trucks 6-3 and 6-6 and purchase a new fire truck. Carried.
- B. Millage Funds – Chairperson Koch explained that since the millage has now passed the Townships should continue to make payments as usual until the end of the fiscal year in February 2010. The winter tax bill of 2009 will be the first collection of the 1.8 millage and those funds will be used starting with the new fiscal year in March 2010.
- C. Articles of Incorporation – Chairperson Koch recommended we revisit and rewrite the Articles of Incorporation since ten years have passed since the inception of the Authority and the recent voting in of the millage.
- D. Lima Township Coverage Area – Questions and discussion surrounded contracting for fire service, funding for fire service, and which fire department or departments will provide coverage for Lima Township since the approval of the fire millage in that township. Chief Payeur is going to look at response times into Lima Township and meet with Dexter and Scio Township Fire Departments to discuss the best possible fire coverage for Lima Township.

- E. Dexter Township Contract Extension – Motion by Koch, seconded by Williams to extend the current fire contract with Dexter Township until March 1, 2010. Carried.

Old Business:

- A. Fee Schedule -- Motion by Edwards, seconded by Anderson, to stop billing residents of the incorporating municipalities for fire and emergency responses. Carried.
- B. The Dispatch Contract -- Motion by Williams, seconded by Francis to table until next month so the Authority Board can obtain the amount Chelsea's insurer will charge for adding the Authority to the City's liability coverage with respect to the dispatch services provided by the City. Carried
- C. Retirement Center Dispatch Policy – Discussed what is currently being done to reduce the number of calls and how the calls for service will continue to be monitored in the future. Board determined that this issue will be removed from the agenda for the present.
- D. Return of Community Funds –John Edwards reported on the possibility of receiving part of the community funds provided by the hospital. And the board discussed how we should continue to investigate how we can be considered for receiving grants from the fund.
- E. Transfer of Funds to Another Financial Institution – Board reviewed a letter from Justin Smith of Sylvester & Company. Board wants to be sure our funds are covered by FDIC. Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson, Board authorizes chair to review FDIC Policy and allocate C.A.F.A. funds to ensure they are insured. Carried.

Chiefs Report

Chief Payeur presented fire report and personally thanked Gary Adams for the efforts he made in getting the fire millage passed.

Incident Statistics:

The incident statistics for April 2009 were unavailable do to a computer glitch.

Downtown Development Authority – Anderson raised the issue that the Fire Authority is different from the Library with regard to the DDA. The Fire Authority provides a service to the DDA. So logically the DDA should not capture a part of the Fire Authority millage. Suggestion made by Williams that the Fire Authority should meet with the DDA to discuss the issue of the Fire Authority millage that is being captured by the DDA. Koch to follow-up on this issue and see how the DDA feels now that the millage has passed.

Next Meeting Date/Place and Information/Announcements

Next regular meeting is June 9, 2009 at 8AM at the Sylvan Township Hall.

Adjournment

Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Carried
Adjourned at 9:24am.

John Francis
Secretary/Treasurer

(Approved June 9, 2009)