

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009, AT 4:06 P.M.  
LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION

Present:	CITY OF LOWELL	Maryalene LaPonsie
		Jake Callier
	LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP	Carlton Blough
		Clifford Bonn
	VERGENNES TOWNSHIP	Tim Wittenbach
		Jim Herb

Absent: none.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Sue Olin, Frank Martin and Jerry Hale.

IT WAS MOVED BY HERB and supported by BONN to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. TREASURER'S REPORT. Olin stated financially the authority is working well. Invoices are being sent out. She noted there is approximately \$23,000 in the checking account.

A copy of the expenditures covering July 1 to September 30 will be provided. Building maintenance costs were at 54% of the budget because of new air conditioners being purchased.

The liability insurance premiums were already paid. The Fire Commission costs were pro-rated. Olin will check with Mari Stone (Vergennes) and Linda Regan (Lowell Township) regarding proper amounts.

Monthly reports will be sent.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and supported by HERB to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Item #2. REVIEW OF FIRE AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT. Fire Chief Martin noted that a new rescue truck will cost \$36,000 while a new command vehicle is approximately \$24,000. The intention will be to go through State Fleet bidding.

Martin intends to keep the old Rescue vehicle for training. The 1998 pickup can be provided to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Funding assistance will be sought through the Lowell Area Community Fund.

New turn out gear valued at \$14,000 is needed for the 4-5 new volunteers. These positions will be advertised. There is approximately six months of training for each volunteer at \$300. Also, six months of medical training is required at \$100 per person.

Air bottles are planned for purchase at a cost of \$2,000. This is a safety feature for structure fires.

Item #3. OTHER BUSINESS. The numbers of runs were discussed. Blough asked if there was County reimbursement for traffic control. Martin said no but noted mutual aid.

Several members thought there were more responders than necessary. Martin said the average is nine. There were two to three respondances where there have been 11 to 13.

It was determined that some back up with the monthly reports is helpful.

Martin reviewed med ones and twos as well as threes (ambulance) were given priority dispatch.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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Tim Wittenbach, Chairman

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David M. Pasquale, Recording Secretary