

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LOWELL AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009, AT 4:06 P.M.

LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION

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

Absent: David Pasquale, Jake Callier, Clifford Bonn

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HERB and supported by LAPONSIE to approve the minutes of the September 28, 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 \$29,973 in the checking account.

A copy of the expenditures covering July 1 to December was provided. LaPonsie questioned the number of voided checks. Olin responded with the new software, a few had been printed with the incorrect check number. Olin mentioned the line item for building maintenance will exceed the budgeted amount. Martin mentioned there was a large invoice for Canfield Plumbing and Heating involving a new air conditioner compressor in the amount of \$2500.

Martin mentioned the need to replace the medical unit #9 after July 1 for a fire rescue vehicle. Also, Martin will use the suburban as a chief's vehicle and the 1999 Dodge will remain with the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The plant will give \$1500 to the Fire Authority for the 1999 Dodge. Hale and Blough felt the need to inform their township board of the purchase. Wittenbach questioned if the Fire Department could purchase a used truck rather than brand new. He believed it would be better to not have to go back to the boards for extra money.

Wittenbach questioned if the Fire Department had a Christmas party. Martin responded they did. Martin added the Fire Authority has three new fire fighters.

Herb questioned where cars are taken if these have been in an accident and towed. Martin responded if we call, there is no preference. However, he mentioned in this particular case, the County dispatcher must have called East Beltline Towing. They are under contract with the County.

Blough suggested Martin provide a review of what has happened with the fire department over the past three months. Martin responded all three pumper trucks have been serviced and pump tested. Martin said the department currently employs 28 firefighters and will be hiring three additional personnel. He added one resides in the City, one resides on Lowell View and the other Montcalm and Flat River Drive. Martin explained the fire department receives 50 – 55 calls/month.

Motion to adjourn by Herb, supported by LaPonsie at 4:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Tim Wittenbach, Chairman

David M. Pasquale, Recording Secretary