

PROPOSED MINUTES

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SERVING LAKETOWN AND FILLMORE TOWNSHIPS

January 14, 2016

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Yonker called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and Jim Lorence opened with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Den Bleyker, Gary Dewey, Bob Yonker,
Jim Lorence, Brett Grams, Dan Martinez
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Hofman
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Lorence to approve the minutes as submitted. Chair Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. UPDATE FROM CHIEF

Chief Doug Den Bleyker reported on several items:

1. Two new members are in the fire academy;
2. One new officer is taking fire officer training;
3. Den Bleyker and Martinez have passed their EMT training and testing;
4. ID cards are being made for members;
5. Address signs are being delivered to new residents
6. 2015 call volume is up 4.4%;
7. Cost recovery collections;
8. 2016 SCBA grant application;
9. Home sprinkling systems; and
10. Den Bleyker has received college credit for previous activities.

ARTICLE IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. NEW ENGINE UPDATE

Den Bleyker reported that the committee has been meeting and will be calling in company representative to discuss later in the year. Possible membership in a consortium on the east side of the state that could lower our costs.

B. EMERGENCY ACCESS UPDATE

Meshkin reported that funding appears to be secure and we hope for construction to begin late this year. .

ARTICLE V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 800 mGhZ RADIO SYSTEM

Den Bleyker reported that Allegan County is considering upgrading their radio system to 800 mGHz. This could cause an increased cost for the department for radios.

B. BUDGET

Meshkin reviewed the budget. Expenses for next year are flat except for the addition of \$75,000 for construction of the emergency access and \$50,000 down payment on new engine. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Lorence to recommend the Fillmore and Laketown Township Boards approve the amended FY 2015-16 budget and proposed 2016-17 budget.** Yonker suggested that while the budget is fine at this time we should seriously consider using some of the fund balance to make a larger down payment when it comes time to buy the new engine. **Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION MOTION APPROVED**

C. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 14, 2016

ARTICLE VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

ARTICLE VII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Lorence to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Yonker called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION MOTION APPROVED