

A Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board, held at the St. Louis Area Fire Department – Meeting Room, was called to order by Chair Kevin Beeson at 5:30p.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Members Present: Chairman Kevin Beeson, Vice-Chair Kurt Giles, Carmen Bajena, Greg Mikek

Members Absent: Bobbie Marr

Fire Chief: Bill Coty

Others in Attendance: Ferris Azzam, Trevor Allen, Dick Prestage and Ralph Echtenaw

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Moved by Member Mikek, supported by Member Bajena, to approve the appointment of Kevin Beeson as Chairman and Kurt Giles as Vice-Chair of the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board. All ayes carried the Motion.

Minutes.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Bajena, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Comment.

None.

Claims and Accounts.

The Fire Board reviewed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Mikek, to approve the Claims & Accounts for November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$211,222.77. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Statements.

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements of January 31, 2024 and placed on file.

Audited Financial Statements 6/30/2023.

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Audited Financial Statements of June 30, 2023 and placed on file. Member Giles provided a summary of Member Marr's notes.

Set Meeting Dates & Times.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Mikek, to approve meeting dates and times for the mid-Michigan Community Fire Board for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year as the 2nd Tuesday of August, November, February and May at 5:30 pm, meetings to be held at the Fire Station. All ayes carried the motion.

Meeting Schedule will be as follows:

August 13, 2024
November 12, 2024
February 11, 2025
May 13, 2025

Fire Chief's Report.

The Fire Chief's Report was reviewed, discussed, and placed on file.

Fire Department 2023 Annual Report

The Fire Chief presented the 2023 Annual Report and the board reviewed, discussed, and placed on file.

Resolution 2024-01 BUDGET 2024-2025

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Giles, and supported by Member Bajena:

Budget Resolution attached.

Ayes: Mikek, Giles, Bajena, Beeson

Nays: None

Absent: Marr

Resolution declared adopted this 13th day of February, 2024.

Sale of Vehicles.

With the new pumper and rescue unit coming in soon, we will have vehicles available to sell. Board discussed sale possibilities.

Moved by Member Mikek, supported by Member Giles, to authorize Chief Coty to list soon-to-be-retired apparatus with Ranger Bid Auction service with a minimum reserve price of \$15,000 without any equipment. All ayes carried the motion.

USDA Grant for Turn Out Gear

Grant opportunities for equipment were discussed.

Moved by Member Mikek, supported by Member Giles to authorize the Fire Chief, Board Secretary, Chairman and/or Vice Chairman to execute, and sign documents related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) and commit, as a first priority, Equipment Reserves and/or private donations as the Fire Department's share of match funds for the program to the extent needed for Turn Out Gear. Committing funds as needed of approximately \$51,360.

All ayes carried the motion.

Disposal of SCBA.

Motion by Giles, supported by Mikek to assign 3 to 5 packs to GTEC for training purposes and sell remaining 5 to 7 packs for approximately \$100/each. All ayes carried the motion.

Other Business.

None

Public and Other Comment.

Dick Prestage commented on the 457 Retirement savings program, expressing his appreciation and stating he believes other members of the SLAFD are very happy to have that retirement savings opportunity too.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carmen Bajena, Recording Secretary