

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, May 10, 2022.

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

Members Absent: None

Fire Chief: Bill Coty

Others in Attendance: Asst. Chief Dick Prestage, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel, Bob March

Minutes.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Mikek, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 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 Bajena, to approve the Claims & Accounts for February 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022 in the amount of \$149,577.22. All ayes carried the motion.

Financial Statements.

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements of April 30, 2022 and placed on file.

Fire Chief's Report.

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

Resolution 2022-02 – Amendment to the 2021-2022 Budget

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board to amend the budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board recognizes the following significant events causing the need to amend the budget: Beginning Fund Balances require adjustment to the previous years ending results; Grants and or donations have been received for which added expenditures can now be made; and the priority and funding of capital items has changed. It is the intent that member contributions will remain as originally budgeted and said net revenues and related expenses be committed for future equipment needs, as applicable after adjusting for minimum commitments of Fund Balance Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Control Board has amended its budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year as summarized below:

CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	Original Budget 2021-2022	Amended Budget 2021-2022
Beginning Balance - Committed for Equipment	287,996	321,131
Current Appropriations Commitment	65,000	163,583
Expenses - Use of Equipment Funds	(148,277)	(153,277)
Ending Balance - Committed for Equipment	204,719	331,437
Beginning Balance - Operating	253,959	252,649
Revenue	322,575	387,042
Expenses (from non-committed funds)	(257,575)	(322,042)
Transfers to Equipment Commitment	(65,000)	(65,000)
Ending Balance - Operating	253,959	252,649

Ayes: Marr, Bajena, Giles, Mikek, Beeson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted this 10th day of May, 2022.

Water Rescue Policy Update

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Updated Water Rescue Policy and placed on file.

Gratiot/Isabella Technical Education Proposal

Robert March presented proposal of vocational training to expand the current “Public Safety” program at the Alma Campus of GI-TEC to include Firefighter 1 training. This proposal includes the possible use of the St. Louis Area Fire Department’s fire hall and equipment for this training.

Fire Board discussed the proposal and concerns.

Motion by Member Giles, supported by Member Mikek to authorize Chief Coty to proceed with working out details of an agreement for the use of the fire hall and equipment to assist with this training. All ayes carried the motion.

Fire Engine Replacement Considerations

Opened Sealed Bids:

Rosenbauer - \$468,467

Spencer - \$494,310

Discussion held on bid process. Discussed how long it will take to get a truck and possible funding options. Concluded that initiating that purchase needs to begin.

Chairman Beeson established a Special Meeting on Monday, May 16th at 6pm for the purpose of selecting a Fire Engine. This will allow time for Chief and staff to compare the proposals in detail to ensure that all items needed are included.

Other Business.

Public and Other Comment.

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Bobbie J Marr, Secretary