

Deerfield Township Fire Board
Minutes for May 19, 2008

Members Present: D. Wood, D. Webster, C. Purtill, T. Swanson, L. Wyatt, Interim Chief Martin, Interim Assistant Chief Nerbonne

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by chair.

Motion by Wyatt, second Purtill to approve the minutes of April 21, 2008. APPROVED

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Purtill, second Wood pay bills for \$6,618.82.

Fire Chief's Report: Interim Chief Martin

Ten (10) runs for the month of April

- 1 Structure/Grass fire
- 1 Grass Fire
- 1 Mutual Aid Grass Fire with Fremont Fires Department
- 1 Mutual Aid Grass Fire with Millbrook-Rolland Fire Department
- 3 Mutual Aid Grass Fires with Nottawa Sherman Fire Department
- 1 Station Stand-by for Nottawa Sherman Fire Department
- 2 Mutual Aid Grass Fires with Nottawa Sherman Fire Department

Old Business:

- A. ISO update: No report.
- B. Hydrosonic face piece cleaner – equipment received.
- C. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor: No further action
- D. BID notice for 8-20. No action until new tender is received and operational.
- E. Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network – continue to pursue relationship.
- F. Wildland Backpack Fire Pumps and Wildland Fire Brooms – equipment received.
- G. Migration of radios to 12.5KHz: No further information.
- H. Position announcement for new fire chief has not been posted – fire board members urge township board to post position as soon as possible. Job description will be distributed to board members at next months meeting.

New Business:

- A. Request by Interim Chief Martin: There are times new equipment for a fire fighter needs to be ordered, either due to damaged equipment or the need for equipment for new fire fighter personnel. The cost of equipping a fire fighter is approximately \$1200. Policy requires the approval from fire board for equipment/supplies over \$500 before ordering. Motion by Wyatt, second Purtill that in these specific cases prior to ordering equipment Interim Chief Martin must contact Chair Swanson to discuss circumstances and receive necessary approval prior to ordering. Fire board members will be informed of action at a subsequent board meeting. APPROVED.
- B. Contract for Cost Recovery Corporation distributed to board members.
- C. Some equipment for new tender has been received. New tender delivery is expected in about 3-4 weeks.

Public Comments: 1) It is suggested that the information on township Web site for MMR be changed since the Deerfield Township Hall is not a MMR station. Interim Chief will draft language. 2) Question if clothing rack in fire barn is sufficient for equipment. Interim Chief Martin feels at this time that the clothing rack meets the needs of the fire department.

Motion by Webster, second Wyatt to adjourn. APPROVED. Adjourn 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Webster, Secretary