

Solon-Centerville Fire Department
Combined Board Budget Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 7:00 P.M.
Cedar Fire Department Meeting Room
8907 Railroad Ave., Cedar, MI 49621

MINUTES

Carl Williams opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Carl Williams, Joan Gauthier, George Rosinski, Robert Dezelski, Shirley Mikowski, Richard Pleva, Trina Pleva, Al Rosinski, Shaun Beady, Justin Hennessy, Steve Watson, Larry Petroskey, Barry Mazurek, Dan Petroskey, Christine Mikowski, Lee Laskey and Amy Hubbell.

Absent: Leonard Kelenske, Jim Balesh and Joe Czerniak.

Motion by Robert Dezelski and supported by Joan Gauthier to approve the January 16, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Carl Williams and supported by Trina Pleva to have a regular combined Board meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

The purpose of this meeting is to hire a temporary EMT and work on the budget.

The full time EMT, Steve Ward sent a letter of resignation. His last day of work was March 2, 2007. Most of the Board members were not properly notified of Steve Ward's resignation. Shaun Beady is filling in temporarily until a full time EMT can be hired. Shaun is willing to fill this position until he attends school in August. The board agreed to pay Shaun \$13.00 per hour plus look into health insurance. Motion by Robert Dezelski and supported by Joan Gauthier to employ Shaun Beady as the full time EMT until August 2007. Motion carried.

Solon Township and Centerville Township still need to pay the .5 mill ambulance amount of \$37,307.36 for the fiscal year 2006-2007. They also need to pay the annual support of \$11,000.00. The budgeted millage amount for 2007-2008 will be \$37,500.00 and annual support will remain at \$11,000.00.

The Board discussed raising the adjoining townships annual fire contract support. Their contracts were raised to \$41,500.00 last year, but considering the increased costs of maintaining the fire department it was decided to increase their contracts by \$1,500.00, and will remain at \$43,000.00 for the next two years. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and supported by Trina Pleva to increase Kasson and Cleveland Township annual fire contract support for the fiscal years of 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 to \$43,000.00. Motion carried.

The cost of fuel is projected to increase, so the budgeted amount for diesel fuel, gas and oil and furnace oil was increased.

Some of the members have not received turn out gear. The cost for turn out gear per member is approximately \$1,300.00-\$1,500.00. It was decided to increase the budgeted amount for the turnout gear.

The Board discussed if the Fire Department should purchase radios or pagers for the members. It was decided that we would increase the budget to provide members with pagers and radios.

Funds that went over their budgeted amount are as follows: Ambulance Repair and Maintenance-\$741.60, Contractual Billing Services-\$239.33, Fuel Oil-\$385.91, Gas & Oil-\$39.33, Grant Money Allocated-\$4114.04, Radio Repair and Maintenance-\$692.05, Tanker Upgrade-\$1254.60, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance-\$1290.64, Total amount-\$8757.50.

Motion by Joan Gauthier and supported by Robert Dezelski to transfer funds from the Contingency Fund to the 8 funds that went over budget to balance the budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007. Motion carried.

North Flight suggested that we review our charges because they are too low, especially mileage. We are currently below the reimbursement rate or very close to it. They suggested that we charge for administering oxygen if we are not already. Blue Cross and most insurances (not Medicare) pay separately for that service. Motion by Joan Gauthier and supported by Robert Dezelski to increase our base rate to reflect the Blue Cross Blue Shield schedule, and to include an oxygen fee when needed and increase the loaded mile rate. Motion carried.

Joe Flaska submitted a bid of \$500.00 for the Ford tanker truck. Motion by Robert Dezelski and supported by Joan Gauthier to sell the tanker for \$500.00 to Joe Flaska. Motion carried.

Lee Laskey asked the Board to look at the future needs of the department. Lee suggested to increase the Kasson and Cleveland fire contracts and several of the trucks need to be replaced in the near future.

Motion by Joan Gauthier and supported by Trina Pleva to recommend adoption of the proposed Fire Department budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Shirley Mikowski and supported by Carl Williams to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Mikowski/ Clerk