

**LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
7720 W. Grand River Hwy.
Grand Ledge MI 48837**

**Minutes of Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Meeting
Wednesday November 16, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: **Clark, Mitchell, Smith, Therrian, Crego, and Adams.** Chief **Fabiano** absent with notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: **Clark** provided an e-mail from Layton & Richardson about reducing their audit fee.

AGENDA APPROVAL: **Motion by Crego**, seconded by **Mitchell** to approve the agenda as provided. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Adams**, seconded by **Mitchell** to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011 with the following amendments -on page 2 Therrian was changed to Thayer in 2 places. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Bills: **Motion by Mitchell**, seconded by **Smith** to approve the bill list as presented. **Motion passed.**

Reports:

Chief's Report-**Fabiano** provided a run report in his absence.

Chair's Report-**Financial Review-Clark** stated that it appears that they will be about 6-8% under budget-mostly due to health care costs and personnel-part paid salary.

Service Sharing-Clark stated that he went to the Delta Township work session on the 14th and stated that the board members seem more informed, have concerns about how their taxpayers will view this service sharing agreement. The chief and twp manager did a good job of explaining that their services should be enhanced by the sharing. They seem less concerned about the input from the union. The union representative said they still have some concerns but are much more comfortable with the draft agreement and complimented the board on making sure their voice was heard. Delta submitted a grant for approximately \$318,000.00 and they have made it through the first round. \$275,000 is to buy and stock a new ambulance. There is strong potential that the vote in Delta will occur on December 5th. **Mitchell** stated that he wants to be sure that Delta knows that if there is a structure fire in Delta that LGRFA responds; **Clark** stated that Delta is aware of that.

Update on health care insurance-Clark stated he has been talking to the agent and the premium with PHP can go up as much as 20% and it doesn't sound like BCBS isn't much better.

Firefighter negotiations-Clark stated that the bargaining committee met with the union during October and reached an agreement. It has gone to the members for ratification.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Action on Audit Preparation costs-Clark has asked Layton & Richardson to reduce their price and they knocked off \$100.00 for a total of \$500.00 off per year for the next 2 years. **Patti Schaffer** stated that perhaps LGRFA should wait to vote as the cost might be lower yet because they have less to do. No action taken.

2. Discussion/Action on Health Care Insurance-Clark stated no action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Patti Schaffer** asked if it is fair to say they are negotiating new contracts in good faith even though they can't act on anything until they know what next year brings. **Clark** stated that it is fair.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Adams, seconded by **Therrian** to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 6:40.**

Date Approved

Mark Therrian, Secretary