

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

**Minutes of Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Meeting
January 21, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: **Therrian, Adams, Mitchell, Clark, and Morris.** **Crego arrived at 8:05 a.m.** Chief Fabiano was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: George Weitzel, Watertown Charter Township Trustee, commended Firefighter Tim Baker for the very good article that he submitted for Watertown Charter Township's newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was correspondence from Clinton County regarding the rebanding. Clinton County will not accept LGRFA's revisions to the counties' original letter so the county has revised their agreement to make it more acceptable to LGRFA. It is not a final agreement as of yet. It was advised to put the rebanding topic under New Business number 3.

Clark also received correspondence from Watertown Charter Township letting LGRFA know that they have not accepted LGRFA's budget yet.

AGENDA APPROVAL: **Adams** asked that the letter Chief Fabiano had in his Chief's report from Firefighter Tim Baker be added to the agenda as New Business number 5. **Motion by Adams, seconded by Morris** to approve the agenda as amended with Item numbers 4 and 5. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Adams,** seconded by **Morris** to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 17, 2008 as presented. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Motion by Adams,** seconded by **Therrian** to approve the bill lists as presented. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS:

Chief's Report:

Chief Fabiano provided a synopsis of activities for the year 2008. The preliminary figures show the run totals are about 11% down from 2007. **Chief Fabiano** stated that LGRFA did not receive the grant that had been applied for with help purchasing a new fire truck. He also provided a letter from Tri County Medical Control. **Fabiano** stated they were dispatched to a call on Clark Rd. When LGRFA arrived, Mercy was already on scene and needed LGRFA's help. This particular call for help had gone directly to Mercy's dispatch center. Mercy did not advise 911 as far as Fabiano knows and they were not dispatched to it.

According to the letter that they sent, Mercy felt they could get there quicker. LGRFA submitted a complaint to Tri County on that-thus the letter being the answer to the complaint. **Adams** would like Fabiano to contact Mercy and discuss this with them. It is very important to her as a resident and Supervisor of Watertown Charter Township that there be a good relationship between the Fire Authority and Lansing Mercy. Lansing Mercy is our ambulance provider and she wants to make sure there is good communication there. **Clark** hopes to get some personal dialog between Fabiano and Mr. Palmer as well. **Mitchell** stated that he understood that all calls were sent to Clinton County 911, regardless of what kind of calls allowing 911 to determine who to tone out. **Mitchell** suggested putting something in the township newsletter reminding people to call 911 for any emergency, not individual places.

Fabiano stated that Tim Baker submitted a letter to Fabiano. **Fabiano** told Baker that he should probably submit his proposal to the LGRFA Board at a later date.

Automatic Mutual Aid Update-Fabiano stated that they have not received the contract from DeWitt Township yet but it is signed and will go into effect February 1, 2009.

Chair's Report:

Financial Review- **Clark** reported on the financials of LGRFA.

Budget Approval-**Clark** received a letter from Eagle Township approving the Township and correspondence from Watertown Charter Township stating that they did not approve the budget because there are contradictions in the information that was sent to them. **Adams** asked if there was reason why the discussion part of the budget was not provided. **Clark** responded that he thought it was easier to only say that LGRFA understands that the only way they can reimburse anyone for vehicle use is to follow IRS established rates.

Equipment Committee Update-**Fabiano** commented that they received a denial for the grant request. They now need to decide what to do about a new vehicle.

Personnel Committee Update-None

PENDING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of Officers-Motion by Morris**, seconded by **Crego** to retain the same officers as in 2008. **Motion passed.**
2. **Discussion/Action on equipment procurement-Motion by Adams**, seconded by **Mitchell** that the question of purchasing a fire truck be referred to the equipment committee for review, consideration and recommendation back to the board. **Motion passed.**

3. **Discussion/Action on rebanding-Clark** stated that the county has changed the letter that LGRFA submitted to the county (modifying the hold harmless language). The county continues to insist that they be held harmless. LGRFA's attorney tells LGRFA that they can't hold the county harmless. The result of this discussion is the letter from the county that is in correspondence. **Clark** feels that if they get insurance from the people that are going to do the rebanding (TYCO), they would be protected. **Adams** asked about having the county attorney speak with LGRFA's attorney. **Clark** stated that he will have LGRFA's attorney contact the county.
4. **Tim Baker Correspondence-** Motion by Adams, seconded by **Mitchell** that the Tim Baker letter be referred to the personnel committee for their review and recommendation back to the board. **Motion passed.**

Clark would like **Adams to Chair the Personnel committee, Clark to be Chair of the Budget Committee, and Mitchell to be Chair of the Equipment Committee.** The committee members are as follows: **Personnel Committee-Therrian, Crego and Adams, Equipment Committee-Morris, Crego and Mitchell, and Budget Committee-Adams, Clark and Therrian.**

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Crego to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m..

Date Approved

Ken Mitchell, Secretary