

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

**Minutes of Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Meeting
October 14, 2009
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: **Therrian, Clark, Mitchell, Simmons, Adams and Crego.** Chief Fabiano was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: **Clark** had correspondence from PHP that informed them that their health insurance rates went up 13%.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Adams**, seconded by **Simmons** to approve the minutes of September 15, 2009 as presented. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Motion by Mitchell**, seconded by **Crego** to approve the bills as presented. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS:

Chief's Report:

Chief Fabiano stated that they sent a team top Roscommon to the Firefighter's Memorial competition and LGRFA took 1st place in the state for extrication.

He stated that MDOT is putting in new crossovers so there will be only 2 lanes of the highway open on each side in preparation for the spring construction. MDOT will be resurfacing all of the lanes from Wacousta Rd. to Saginaw in the spring of 2010. They will also be redoing the exits and entrances on Grand River and Saginaw. The exits at Saginaw will be straight exits, not loops anymore. At the same time they are going to be replacing the Wright Rd. Bridge over the highway. They will be removing the lights at Wright Rd. and the hwy. and instilling round a bouts.

Chief Fabiano stated that on Sunday they will be doing a live house burn for training. They also have a farm medic rescue class on Saturday.

Chair's Report:

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

Budget Committee-The budget committee met to review and reduce the budget, reducing it by almost \$6,000.00. The committee now has firm pricing on the new fire truck, it is \$360,000.00 including equipment. The budget committee is recommending that the revised budget is approved for submission to the townships.

Clark stated that he and the Chief have not met and discussed the MERS health savings plan.

Clark stated that they developed a disaster plan that has been submitted to the auditors before it is officially adopted.

Personnel Committee Update-**Adams** stated the personnel committee will be meeting October 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Equipment Committee-**Mitchell** stated that the committee will provide a recommendation under new business.

Status of Fire Fighter bargaining unit negotiations-**Clark** stated he has had some contact with Bill Hester, the business agent for the Fire Fighters, he will contact the bargaining unit committee members and get back to Bill with an official response & proposed meeting dates.

PENDING BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion /Action on submitting 2010 budget to the townships-Motion by Simmons**, seconded by **Therrian** to submit the revised draft 2010 LGRFA budget to the townships for approval with a corrected date of October 14, 2009. **Motion passed.**
2. **Discussion/Action on Equipment Committee Recommendation-Mitchell** stated that the committee recommends purchasing the new Fire Truck from the lowest bidder, R&R Equipment. The proposed vehicle has the features that meet the department's needs for service and dependability. **Motion by Crego**, seconded by **Mitchell** to recommend that the authority accept the equipment committee's recommendation to purchase a fire truck from R&R Equipment for the sum of \$305,000.00 as negotiated. **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Crego, seconded by Simmons to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Date Approved

Ken Mitchell, Secretary