

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

Minutes of Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Meeting

April 15, 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, Simmons, Adams and Crego.** **Mitchell absent with notice.** Chief Fabiano was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: MERS Healthcare savings plan was provided for the members. Eagle Township minutes stating that they were not going to act on the fire truck until June were also provided.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by **Crego**, seconded by **Therrian** to approve the minutes of March 18, 2009 as presented. **Motion passed.**

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

REPORTS:

Chief's Report:

Chief Fabiano stated that the fire department responded to a total of 47 calls in March; 31 EMS, 4 motor vehicle accidents and 16 fire calls. 16 calls were for Eagle and 21 were for Watertown. The department did a controlled burn in Watertown Township with Grand Ledge and Roxanne Fire Departments.

Chair's Report:

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

Equipment Committee Update-None

Personnel Committee Update-**Adams** reported that personnel committee did not feel it was appropriate to add a new full time position at this time.

Budget Committee-The Budget Committee will set a meeting date.

PENDING BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on fire truck-There was discussion regarding Eagle Township Board's decision to defer decision on a new fire truck until June 2009. The Chair will send a letter to both townships indicating that the townships will have final authority over purchase of a new truck.
2. Clinton County Rebanding and MOU-The final version of the rebanding agreement was presented. **Motion by Therrian**, seconded by **Crego** to sign the rebanding agreement and forward it to Clinton County. **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MERS Healthcare Savings** –The program would allow full time employees to contribute to healthcare savings account. **Motion by Clark**, seconded by Simmons to refer MERS information to the Personnel Committee. **Motion passed.**
2. **Discussion/Action FEMA Fire Act Grant-Chief Fabiano** recommends that a grant be written for equipment for the new fire truck. **Motion by Crego**, seconded by **Therrian** to instruct the Chief write a FEMA grant application to replace all air packets. **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT-Patti Schafer stated that LGRFA has received \$345.00 in donations. She also stated that checks need to be ordered, and the audit is beginning. **Schafer** also has a concern about unemployment agency allowing part paid employees to receive unemployment. This has been corrected-they are not eligible for benefits through fire department work.

Steve Colby asked if the fire truck is expected to cost \$400,000.00 and asked where that number came from.

George Weitzel commented on a couple of errors he noticed in the by-laws.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Simmons, seconded by **Crego** to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Date Approved

Ken Mitchell, Secretary