

**PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Held January 4, 2017**

Call to order: Fire Board Chair, D. Nowak called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Chair – D. Nowak, Vice Chair/Secretary – P. Borg, Member – B. Andrzejewski and Board Liaison – L. Morrison. Member – D. Rivard and Alternate – J. Roberts were absent.

Audience Present: 2 guests.

Approval of Agenda: L. Morrison requested the addition of “**New Board Member**” to **New Business**. B. Andrzejewski requested the addition of “**Frequency of FB Meetings**” to **New Business**. L. Morrison moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. All ayes; so moved.

Approval of Minutes (December 7, 2016): L. Morrison moved to approve the minutes as written. Supported by; P. Borg. All ayes; so moved.

Comments from Audience (3 min. per person): No Comments.

Correspondence: None

Reports

- **PITWP Board of Trustees (L. Morrison):** L. Morrison advised that the Board of Trustees is in support of the Fire Board (FB) and they have been working on the FB Budget.
- **Auxiliary Group (D. Nowak):** D. Nowak advised that they have been sprucing up the building and they are looking for some gently used items to use at the fire hall.
- **City of Alpena FD (B. Forbush):** B. Forbush advised that they have received the 750 Gallon pumper that was donated by Frederic TWP Fire Department. B. Forbush advised that we will use this truck as Engine 1. He also advised that we have received a 1984 – 1250 gallon pumper that was Federal Surplus Equipment allocated by the Michigan DNR to be used as Engine 2 and we also received a 1-1/4 ton pick-up truck to be used as a Rescue 1 vehicle from the DNR. B. Forbush then advised that the TWP Board has approved the cost of \$30,000.00 to Byron Center TWP. for a 1987 - 3000 gallon tanker with a pump. He advised that we have received various equipment items from Maple Ridge Township. B. Forbush then mentioned that there are 2 grants in progress at this time; 1 grant is for \$5,000.00 to add equipment to Engine 1 and the other grant will be used to get lights and signs to be used for the trucks. B. Forbush also advised that they have returned the borrowed truck to Wilson TWP. He stated that we should honor them with a certificate of appreciation. The FB agreed. B. Forbush also provided the 2017 Fire Fighter 1 training schedule.
- **Fire Commissioner (B. Andrzejewski):** B. Andrzejewski advised that he had nothing new to add at this time.

New Business

- **Designating Responsibilities:** D. Nowak advised that he would like to clarify responsibilities of the board members. P. Borg was assigned to set up a working copy of the FB budget to track ongoing spending. B. Andrzejewski was assigned to follow purchase requests to delivery.
- **New FB Member:** L. Morrison advised that he had spoken to Ryan Beuter a volunteer fire fighter for PITWP #2 regarding interest in becoming a FB member. The board members discussed that they may be able to replace 1 of the two members that are not able to attend all the meetings. D. Nowak agreed to contact D. Rivard and J. Roberts to determine if they want to remain on the board or will agree to being replaced with R. Beuter.

- **Frequency of FB Meetings:** B. Andrzejewski stated that he would like to see the FB meeting more often than quarterly meetings. The board discussed the options for having additional board meetings. They determined that they may not have the funds available to meet for additional meetings. However, the board members agreed that they would like to meet on February 15, 2017. L. Morrison agreed to request Board of Trustee approval for the additional meeting.

Unfinished Business

- **Items Not Resolved:** D. Nowak advised that we still need to get signs for the dry hydrants. He advised that there is one located on Rayburn Hwy. and on White Ash St. on Long Lake. The board members discussed maybe having one sign for each hydrant and having both sides of the sign identified. D. Nowak also advised that he has been working on getting the sign putting back up on US 23 for alerting travelers that there is a fire department in the area.
- **Additional Information:** B. Forbush advised that the FB will need to purchase a radio for the tanker truck coming from Byron TWP and that the radio should not cost more than \$500.00. L. Morrison moved to approve no more than \$500.00 for the purchase of a radio for Tanker 1. Supported by; D. Nowak. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes; so moved.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Meeting Reminder: The Fire Board will meet again on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, Administrative Assistant