

**PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Held February 15, 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, Board Liaison – L. Morrison and Member – R. Beuter. Alternate – D. Rivard was absent.

Audience Present: 2 guests.

Approval of Agenda: D. Nowak requested the following additions to **Reports: “Budget (P. Borg)” and “Fire Department (R. Beuter)”**. L. Morrison moved to approve the agenda with additions. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. All ayes; so moved.

Approval of Minutes (January 4, 2017): 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: D. Nowak advised that Chuck Austin is working on establishing an Action Group for Hi-speed internet. A report from the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners regarding 800 mhz radio/pagers. L. Morrison moved to approve the cost of \$1,500.00 for the radios and request approval from the Board of Trustees. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. Discussion was made by board members regarding the cost and time frame of the radios. A roll call vote was taken at this time. All ayes; so moved. *(Please see report attached)*.

Reports

- **PITWP Board of Trustees (L. Morrison):** No written report was provided. L. Morrison advised that the Board of Trustees had given pre approval for some purchase requests that will be submitted. Discussion was made by the members regarding additional meetings that may be needed aside of their quarterly meetings. The members agreed that they could meet without pay for any additional meetings. L. Morrison moved to approve the request to the Board of Trustees for additional meetings without pay. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. All ayes; so moved.
- **Auxiliary Group (D. Nowak):** No written report was provided. D. Nowak suggested that an Honor Roll board be posted at the fire hall to recognize businesses that have donated to the fire department. The fire department is still looking for volunteers.
- **City of Alpena FD (B. Forbush):** No written report was provided. B. Adrian advised that the tanker truck is in the building and they are still receiving various donations from other Townships. He also advised that they will be holding a training session of the equipment for the volunteers.
- **Fire Commissioner (B. Andrzejewski):** No written report was provided.
- **Budget (P. Borg):** No written report was provided. P. Borg advised that he had talked with C. Paavola regarding the budget. He stated that he was confused with the amount of funds that are left and will meet with C. Paavola again to determine what items that are still pending payment.
- **Fire Department (R. Beuter):** No report at this time.

New Business

- **Purchase Requests:** L. Morrison moved to approve the cost of \$71.95 for dry hydrant signs. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes; so moved. The members discussed several purchase requests regarding items that are needed to get the tanker truck operational. L. Morrison moved to approve \$1,018.50 for a valve and adapter and the freight cost. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. A roll

call vote was taken. All ayes; so moved. L. Morrison moved to approve the cost of \$192.49 for a hose to hydrant swivel adapter. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes; so moved. L. Morrison moved to approve the cost of \$136.00 for female and male plugs and caps. Supported by; B. Andrzejewski. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes; so moved.

Unfinished Business

- **Items Not Resolved:** D. Nowak advised that the fire department identification signs on US 23 and the dry hydrant signs will be placed when the weather is warmer.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

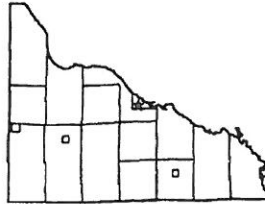
Meeting Reminder: The Fire Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, Administrative Assistant

Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners

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COUNTY CLERK &
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Ann Marie Main

December 20, 2016

To: Township Board members, Fire Authority's, Ambulance Board members.

Re; 800 mhz radio /paging system

To Whom It May Concern:

At the regularly scheduled Presque Isle County Board of Commissioner's meeting held Decemb
14, 2016, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to purchase a new paging system for the
county.

The agreement will include new consoles for the dispatch center, 800 mhz pagers for all current
fire and ems members on departments within the county boundaries, mobile units for a fire/ems
vehicles (excluding personal vehicles) and portable radios (1 per fire officer and licensed first
responder coordinator if not a fire officer). The agreement is to only purchase for those not
already equipped, any equipment already purchased or in possession of by the department will be
counted towards the total number of units need to complete the obligation.

With the implementation of the new system comes a one-time fee to program the talk group for
the departments. The fee is \$1500.00 and is due at the time of the request to create the talk
group. At the current timeline that is estimated at 3-4 months from today. The County Board of
Commissioners is requesting that fee be paid by the departments as it is not a part of the proposal
they are financing. Should the entity have a hardship to pay the fee within the timeline, the county
is willing to pay the fee up front with an agreement for the entities to repay the county within 90
days of initial application to program.

To clarify the fee is per talk group not per township/city, therefore for example the Rogers City Fire
Department – that covers City of Rogers City, Moltke, Rogers, Bismarck, Belknap Townships
would be covered from that fire authority.

Please advise the County Clerk if your entity will be able to pay the fee. Additional information on
whom to make the checks payable to will come in the future along with any necessary application
paperwork.

Please feel free to contact the County Clerk for further questions.

Carl L. Altman

Sincerely,
Carl L. Altman, Chairman

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