

HOWELL AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

February 15, 2023 – 6:00 pm

Oceola Township Community Center – 1661 N. Latson Rd. Howell, MI 48843

Board Members Present:

Chairman Bill Bamber, Vice Chairman Mike Coddington, Treasurer Bob Hanvey, Secretary Mark Fosdick, Member Bob Ellis, Attorney Kevin Gentry, Fire Chief Ron Hicks, Asst. Sec/Treas. Laura Walker

Chairman Bill Bamber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2023: MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Coddington to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Call to Public: No Response

Discussion/Approval: Resolution 02-23 - A Resolution to approve necessary budget adjustments.: MOTION by Mr. Coddington, SUPPORT by Mr. Ellis to approve Resolution 02-23 to approve necessary budget adjustments for purchase of new Engine 22. Roll Call Vote Taken: Mr. Coddington-yea, Mr. Hanvey-yea, Mr. Fosdick-nay, Mr. Bamber-yea, Mr. Ellis-yea. 4 yeas, 1 nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion/Approval TO PURCHASE NEW Engine before March 1, 2023 price increases: Chief Hicks reported that effective March 1, 2023, all manufacturers have indicated that there will be a price increase of the current production cost between 4%-6%. He is requesting the board's approval to purchase a new engine and commit to a pre-buy discount to lock in the rate so no further increases will impact the purchase price. MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Coddington to purchase an engine, capped at \$835,000, with a performance bond for pre-paid option. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion-Follow-up on website updates for Howell Area Fire Authority: Deputy Chief Czubenko presented the drafted version of the new Howell Area Fire Department website.

- Graphics are improved and we have the capability of including historical documents such as board meeting minutes and budget summaries.
- Fillable forms will be included online for ease of access and submission.
- Burning ordinances are more easily identified by having their own tab for each area serviced (City of Howell, Howell Twp., Marion Twp. Cohoctah Twp., and Oceola Twp.). Mr. Fosdick requested that the font be bolder and easier to read.
- Mr. Fosdick and Mr. Ellis requested that we include 2 years of the historical archive of board meeting minutes and board packets.
- D.C. Czubenko will make all the requested changes and updates. The website will be complete and running by the next meeting of the Howell Area Fire Authority (March 15, 2023).

Chief's Comments:

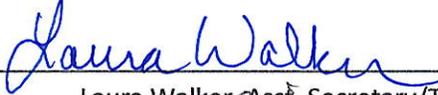
- Chief Hicks reported that we have already gone over our fuel budget for the fiscal year. This is a result of the rise in fuel prices as well as an outage at the bus garage that lasted for over a month, resulting in our need to utilize Mugg & Bopp's fueling stations at a higher cost.

Approve payment of Bills and Payroll: MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Hanvey to authorize payment of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$200,304.85. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

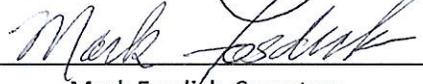
New Business:

- Mr. Fosdick asked what would be involved in extinguishing a fire in a solar panel. Chief Hicks stated that he has been researching and unfortunately there are no specific SOG's in place to reference what the protocol would be. Mr. Hanvey stated that Marion Twp. Is requesting that training be provided and stated he would request that the safety training be extended to include all of the Howell Fire Department Personnel.

Adjourn: MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted: 

Laura Walker, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By: 

Mark Fosdick, Secretary