

A Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board, held at the St. Louis Area Fire Department – Meeting Room, was called to order by Chair Kevin Beeson at 5:50p.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Kurt Giles, Carmen Bajena, Bobbie Marr

Members Absent: Chairman Kevin Beeson, Greg Mikek

Fire Chief: Bill Coty

Others in Attendance: Dick Prestage; Trevor Allen; Ralph Echtenaw

**Minutes.**

Moved by Member Bajena, supported by Member Marr, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

**Public Comment.**

None.

**Claims and Accounts.**

The Fire Board reviewed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Member Bajena, supported by Member Marr, to approve the Claims & Accounts for May 1, 2024 to July 30, 2024 in the amount of \$101,559.94. All ayes carried the motion.

**Financial Statements.**

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements of July 31, 2024 and placed on file.

**Fire Chief's Report.**

The Fire Chief's Report was reviewed, discussed, and placed on file.

**Auxiliary Firefighter Position**

Chief Coty presented a proposal for a new position "Auxiliary Firefighter". This position would take the place of the Steward position that technically has never been filled. The primary function of the auxiliary firefighter is to promote community safety and emergency preparedness by contributing to community education activities while transitioning to a probationary firefighter role or full retirement from the organization. Compensation rate for this position will be \$18 per event.

Motion by Member Bajena, supported by Member Marr, to create the Auxiliary Firefighter position as outlined by Chief Coty and approve the compensation rate for the position at \$18 per event. All ayes carried the motion.

**Other Business.**

**Grant Opportunities for fire equipment.**

Chief Coty reported that the USDA once again changed the percentages allowed for grants for our district, therefore he will need to reapply for turn out gear.

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Bajena to authorize the Fire Chief, Board Secretary, Chairman and/or Vice Chairman to execute and sign documents related to the pre-application submission, application, and acceptance of Community Facility Loans and Grants (Equipment and Vehicles) and commit, as a first priority, Equipment Reserves and/or private donations as the Fire Department's share of match funds for the program to the extent needed for Turn Out Gear. Committing funds as needed of approximately \$67,200 with a grant of \$11,800. All ayes carried the motion.

**Public and Other Comment.**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m.

Bobbie J Marr, Secretary