

A Regular Meeting of the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board, held at the St. Louis City Hall, was called to order by Chair Kevin Beeson at 5:30p.m., on Tuesday, August 8, 2020.

Members Present: Chair Kevin Beeson, Vice-Chair Kurt Giles, Bobbie Marr, Carmen Bajena, Don Long

Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Fire Chief Rich Apps, Bill Coty, Dick Prestage, Sean Kelly, Kyle Feiss, Ralph Echtinaw- St. Louis Sentinel

**Minutes.**

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Long, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting. All ayes carried the motion.

**Public Comment.**

None

**Claims and Accounts.**

The Fire Board reviewed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Long, to approve the Claims & Accounts for May 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$100,007.19. All ayes carried the motion.

**Financial Statements.**

The Fire Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements of June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020 and placed on file.

**Fire Chief's Report.**

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

**Grants Update**

Member Marr reported that the grant for radio funding is being recommended by Rural Development so we are waiting on the official obligation. The Grant amount is for \$32,000.

FEMA grant for Pumper is still showing status "received" without any action yet from FEMA.

Anticipating the passing of PA 144 that expanded the CARES Act money to include additional governmental units, the department filed for the Public Safety & Public Health Payroll Reimbursement and the First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program grants.

**Approve Phase II of Radio Purchase**

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Long, to approve the purchases of Phase II of the Radio Update Project not to exceed \$59,833, pending the RD grant obligation award. All ayes carried the motion.

**Chief Apps Retirement**

Chairman Beeson shared Chief's Apps letter announcing his retirement December 31, 2020.

The Board accepts Chief Apps retirement, with regrets, thanked him for his service, and wishes him well in his retirement.

**Advisor for New Chief Selection Process**

Chairman Beeson introduced West-Michigan retired chief and trainer, Dave Purchase who is available to assist the board with selecting a new chief.

Mr. Purchase outlined his process and the board discussed direction to be taken in finding a replacement. Mr. Purchase will assist in making some changes to the chief's job description, suggest an interview committee, and will outline the process in more detail. The goal being to have a replacement named in October so that there will be some overlap with Chief Apps.

**Other Business.**

None.

**Public Comment.**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Bobbie Jo Marr, Secretary