

A Special 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 Thursday, September 24, 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, Sean Kelly, Trevor Allen, Jeff Hoyt

### **Chief Interviews**

Chairman Beeson described the process from Chief Purchase for advertising and promoting the Chief position.

One internal application was received from William (Bill) Coty.

Board interviewed Bill Coty.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Long, to appoint William Coty as the Fire Chief.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Giles, Long, Bajena, Marr, Beeson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

### **Other Business.**

Member Marr announced that efforts in applying for the First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program were successful and that the Fire Department received \$20,000 to be awarded to firefighters of record April 2020 (\$1,000 per firefighter). This disbursement is to be made by no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Member Marr, supported by Member Long, to formally accept the First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program Grant Award and to amend the Department Budget, increasing Revenue by \$20,000 Federal Aid and increasing Salaries and Fringe Expense by \$22,030 (\$20,000 hazard pay plus \$2,030 for FICA and estimated Workers Compensation expenses). All ayes carried the motion.

**Chief Transition**

Board discussed the transition period of the Chief position.

Moved by Member Giles, supported by Member Long to officially start Bill Coty's term as Chief of record effective 8:00am, Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Additionally that Chief Apps will continue to be compensated as Chief through the rest of the calendar year.

**Public Comment.**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Bobbie Jo Marr, Secretary