

**POSEN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2014**

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POSEN AREA FIRE AUTHORITY WAS HELD ON MARCH 5, 2014 AT 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDING:** MIKE SMITH, TOM HEIN, MARIE WOZNIAK, JIM ZAKSHESKY, LAURA IDALSKI AND RON URBAN (ASST. FIRE CHIEF).

**GUESTS:** TERRY BUCZKOWSKI, DUANE BUDNIK AND MARIAN SMITH.

**MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS PENDING:** A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM ZAKSHESKY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS PENDING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MARIE WOZNIAK. AYES ALL, NAYES 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GRANT:** THE FEMA GRANT IS STILL IN REVIEW.

**FIRST RESPONDERS:** THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF THE 4 FIRST RESPONDERS NOT COMPLETING THE FINAL TESTING TO BECOME LICENSED. THIS HAS BEEN TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

**FIREHALL FLOOR:** MIKE SMITH HAS MET WITH CARMEUSE IN ROGERS CITY. THEY WILL DONATE THE STEEL NEEDED FOR THE FLOOR GRATES. MORAN IRON WORKS WILL STILL MAKE AND DONATE THE STEEL HOSE REEL.

**ANNUAL AUDIT:** THE FIREBOARD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE AUDIT TO EVERY OTHER YEAR. ALL TOWNSHIPS ARE IN AGREEMENT TO CHANGE THE YEAR END AUDIT TO EVERY OTHER YEAR. WE ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THIS YEAR.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 2, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

**KRAKOW TOWNSHIP:** THE BOARD MEMBERS FROM KRAKOW TOWNSHIP ARE REQUESTING COPIES OF THE COMPLETE MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES, TREASURER REPORT AND BILLS PENDING. MIKE SMITH WILL SUPPLY THEM WITH THE COPIES.

**TRACKS FOR THE 6 WHEELER:** DUANE BUDNIK ON BEHALF OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS SPOKE TO THE BOARD REGARDING TRACKS FOR THE 6 WHEELER. THE FIRST RESPONDERS RECENTLY RESPONDED TO A RUN AND WERE UNABLE TO ASSIST AS THE 6 WHEELER COULD NOT MAKE IT OVER THE SNOW BANKS. DUANE GAVE THE BOARD INFORMATION AND PRICES FOR TRACKS TO BE INSTALLED ONTO THE 6 WHEELER. THE ESTIMATE COST FOR THE TRACKS WITH INSTALLATION IS \$5100, THE FIRST RESPONDERS WILL SEEK WAYS TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PURCHASE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM ZAKSHESKY THAT THE POSEN AREA FIRE AUTHORITY SUPPORTS THE NEED FOR THE TRACKS ON THE 6 WHEELER. POSEN AREA FIRE AUTHORITY WILL PUT \$2500 TOWARDS THE

PURCHASE. SECONDED BY TOM HEIN. AYES ALL, NAYES 0. THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

**UTILITY PAYMENTS:** THE FIREBOARD HAS DISCUSSED THE LATE FEE'S THAT ARE BEING APPLIED FOR LATE PAYMENTS ON THE DTE ENERGY AND FRONTIER PHONE BILLS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARIE WOZNIAK TO HAVE 2 EXTRA CHECKS SIGNED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING. THIS WILL ALLOW LAURA TO MAIL THE PAYMENT AS SOON AS THE BILL IS RECEIVED. SECONDED BY JIM ZAKSHESKY. AYES ALL, NAYES 0.

**CLERICAL BUDGET ITEM:** MIKE SMITH DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING THE WAGE FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY/TREASURER. CURRENTLY THAT POSITION IS PAID \$1200 FOR THE YEAR. MIKE FEELS THAT THRU THE YEARS MANY JOB DUTIES HAVE BEEN ADDED AND THE WAGE HAS NEVER INCREASED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM ZAKSHESKY TO INCREASE THE CLERICAL WAGE TO \$2400 A YEAR. SECONDED BY TOM HEIN. AYES ALL, NAYES 0.

**AMEND BUDGET:** DUE TO THE INCREASE OF SNOWPLOWING THE GROUND MAINTENANCE ITEM NEEDS TO BE AMMENDED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM ZAKSHESKY TO TRANSFER \$200 FROM THE INSURANCE ITEM TO ADJUST THE GROUND MAINTENANCE ITEM. SECONDED BY MARIE WOZNIAK. AYES ALL, NAYES 0.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2014-15:** THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET. ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE. VOTE TO ACCEPT THE NEW BUDGET TO TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**CITIZENS COMMENT:** MIKE SMITH WOULD LIKE TO ADD A CITIZENS COMMENT TO THE END OF THE MEETING. THERE WAS NO COMMENT PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM ZAKSHESKY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY MIKE SMITH. AYES ALL, NAYES 0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.