

**POSEN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2015**

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE POSEN AREA FIRE AUTHORITY WAS HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2015 AT 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: MIKE SMITH, TOM HEIN, MARTHA ROZNOWSKI, LAURA IDALSKI AND RAYMOND WOZNIAK. **ABSENT –** JIM ZAKSHESKY – POSEN TOWNSHIP

GUESTS: RON URBAN, TERRY BUCZKOWSKI AND MARIAN SMITH

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS PENDING: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA ROZNOWSKI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS PENDING AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY TOM HEIN. AYES ALL, NAYES 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: MARIAN SMITH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO THE POSEN FIRST RESPONDERS. A FAMILY MEMBER OF HER'S NEEDED AN AMBULANCE FOR TRANSPORT TO ALPENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. EVERYONE THAT RESPONDED WAS QUICK AND ACTED PROFESSIONAL.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS: THE DNR GRANT AND THE FEMA GRANTS ARE STILL PROCESSING.

PULAWSKI TOWNSHIP: MARTHA ROZNOWSKI STATES THAT HER TOWNSHIP VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE DEPARTMENT PURCHASING A NEW 4 WHEELER.

AMEND BUDGET: THE BUILDING/GROUND MAINTENANCE ITEM NEEDS TO BE AMENDED. TOM HEIN MADE A MOTION TO TAKE \$1500 FROM THE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE ITEM AND TRANSFER TO THE BUILDING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE ITEM. SECONDED BY MARTHA ROZNOWSKI. AYES ALL, NAYES 0.

NEW 4 WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE: MIKE SMITH STATES THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE WHEN MEASURING FOR THE BOX TO BE MOUNTED ON THE NEW VEHICLE. THE BOX WILL NOT FIT ON THE BACK OF THE NEW UNIT. THE NEW UNITS ARE MAKING THE CABS LARGER, WHICH RESULTS IN THE BACK BEING SMALLER. MIKE WOULD LIKE THE FIRE BOARD TO CONSIDER KEEPING THE CURRENT 6 WHEELER THE DEPARTMENT HAS AND INSTALL THE TRACKS ON IT AND MOUNT A SKID UNIT ONTO THE CURRENT MACHINE.

TERRY BUCZKOWSKI HAS INFORMATION ON A SKID UNIT. THE COST WOULD BE BETWEEN \$4000 AND \$5000. A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM HEIN TO ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ORDER THE SKID UNIT WITH THE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5000 AND TO GO AHEAD AND ORDER AND INSTALL THE TRACKS. SECONDED BY MARTHA ROZNOWSKI. AYES ALL, NAYES 0. THE TRACKS HAVE BEEN PAID BY GRANTS AND DONATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 4, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT: THE FIRE BOARD DISCUSSED THE BY-LAW AMENDMENT IN REGARDS TO BREAKING A TIE VOTE. TOM HEIN THINKS THAT IF THE VOTE ON A SITUATION IS DEADLOCK WITH 2 YES AND 2 NO THAT THE VOTE WOULD FAIL. THE TOWNSHIPS WOULD

HAVE TO DISCUSS AND RE-VOTE. MIKE CALLED MTA FOR INFORMATION. MTA TOLD MIKE THAT A FIRE AUTHORITY SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE AN ODD NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS. THE FIRE AUTHORITY NOW NEEDS TO DECIDE WHO WILL BE THE 5TH MEMBER OF THE FIRE BOARD AUTHORITY. MIKE SMITH ASKED THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THEIR TOWNSHIPS. THIS HAS BEEN TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

FURNACE MAINTENANCE: THE FURNACE AT THE FIRE HALL IS DUE FOR A MAINTENANCE CHECK UP. RAYMOND WOZNIAK WILL CONTACT WEINKAUF HEATING, JOHNS PLUMBING AND WERNER'S FOR ESTIMATES. HE WAS TOLD TO TAKE THE LOWEST ESTIMATE AND HAVE THE FURNACE MAINTENANCE DONE.

INSURANCE: MIKE SMITH IS MEETING WITH ALPENA AGENCY IN REGARDS TO OUR INSURANCE COVERAGE ON FRIDAY - JANUARY 9TH AT 10:00 A.M.

OFFICERS REPORT: RED 7 (DODGE PICK-UP) HAD NEW TIRES INSTALLED. THE HITCH HAS ALSO BEEN INSTALLED. DANA BUDNICK IS STILL CHECKING THE AIR BOTTLES FOR CRACKS. SO FAR ONE AIR BOTTLE IS DAMAGED.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: MIKE SMITH STATES THAT THE MTA MAGAZINE IS REALLY SHOWING SUPPORT TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS. MIKE IS ASKING THE FIRE BOARD TO ASK THEIR TOWNSHIPS TO COMPOSE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. THESE LETTERS WOULD BE SENT WITH FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM HEIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY MARTHA ROZNOWSKI. AYES ALL, NAYES 0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.