

**LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
7720 W. Grand River Hwy.
Grand Ledge MI 48837**

**Minutes of Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Meeting
Wednesday September 21, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: **Clark, Mitchell, Smith, Therrian, Crego, and Adams.** Chief **Fabiano** was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: There was a request from firefighters to open negotiations. There was also a note from Jim Fyvie.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by **Mitchell**, seconded by **Crego** to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by **Adams**, seconded by **Mitchell** to approve the minutes of August 17, 2011 as presented. **Motion passed.** Motion by **Smith**, seconded by **Mitchell** to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011 as presented. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Bills: Motion by **Mitchell**, seconded by **Crego** to approve the bill list as presented. **Motion passed.**

Reports:

Chief's Report-**Fabiano** did not have a statistical report today due to software problems. He stated that there have been quite a few vehicle accidents. He stated that the back of the new engine was dented when they were doing hose testing and it was finally repaired. Narrow banding memo was received from Fyvie stating that they are not going to be paying for any pagers. **Fabiano** stated that they have replaced many pagers already. He also mentioned that Eaton and Ionia Counties received grants from homeland security for replacing all the firefighter's pagers. He feels bad that Clinton County couldn't find any money to help out on that. **Fabiano** stated that the foam system has been added to the new truck and it is working out great. It is mainly used for structure fires as it is extremely expensive. Michigan State Police asked if they could put in a gun safe for their long guns. In the agreement that LGRFA has with them, it says that no long guns will be stored there. **Clark** would like to add that as an agenda item at the next month's meeting. **Fabiano** stated that the M-100 Bridge is open.

Chair's Report-**Draft Service Sharing Agreement-Clark** stated that the agreement has been approved by the townships to the extent that they have directed the negotiating committee to continue negotiating with Delta Township and come back to them as soon as

possible with an agreement that everyone agrees to. Watertown Township is having their attorney review the contract. **Clark** would like to sit in that meeting with Delta's attorney as well. **Budget**-The budget is approximately 6% under right now. **Update request for budget approval from Townships**- Both townships have approved the proposed 2012 budget.

Equipment Committee Update-**Mitchell** stated that they are researching what to do for a vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion/Action on "Draft Service Sharing Agreement" continued negotiation-** **Clark** stated that both townships have stated that they want negotiations to continue. **Motion by Smith**, seconded by **Crego** that negotiations with Delta Township need to continue. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Discussion/Action Audit Quote from Layton and Richardson**-There is a quote from Layton Richardson for services for the years 2011-2013. **No action taken.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Roger and Marilyn Hansbarger*, *Roger* stated that he heard there will be a savings of 27% and he didn't hear where the savings came from. He also wondered that it appears it is not a merger, but a take-over. **Clark** stated that is not true. **Clark** stated that the savings are 1-ambulance out of the station with that revenue going to Delta Township, and 2-the chief will be Delta Twp fire chief. *Frank Wells* asked if Delta Twp. is going to furnish the ambulance free of charge. **Clark** encouraged everyone to go to the public hearing meetings where things can and will be explained to everyone at once. **Clark** stated that LGRFA is going to pay Delta Twp. to provide services out of the LGRFA station. That amount will become the new budget for LGRFA.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Therrian**, seconded by **Crego** to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 6:30.**

Date Approved

Mark Therrian, Secretary