

MECOSTA/AUSTIN FIRE BOARD

January 21, 2015 / APPROVED

- I. Meeting called to Order: 7:15 p.m.**
- II. Pledge to the Flag**
- III. Roll call: John Boyd, Michele Graham, Elizabeth Carr, Susan Sikkema.
Absent: John Brockway and Greg Babbitt.**
- IV. Additions to Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition to New Business #5 "Posting for New Fire Chief" made by Sikkema, 2nd by Graham.**

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

- V. Approval of agenda: See IV.**
- VI. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the 11-19-2014 minutes with correction made by Graham, 2nd by Sikkema.**

Approved – 4 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

- VII. Treasurer's report: Treasurers report accepted as given and entered into the official record.**
- VIII. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bills: Fire Dept. - \$17,771.62 & 1st Responders - \$650.65 – Total amount \$18,422.27 made by Graham, 2nd by Sikkema.**

Roll call: Graham – yes, Boyd – yes, Carr – yes, Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.

- IX. Brief Public Comment: Insurance Agent – Ken Lind stated that the amount of for the building went up \$10,500. Also the liability for Firemen also went up \$4,500.00. The increase for the total renewal of the insurance went up \$37.00. Copy will be on file at each township.**

X. Old Business:

1. Aptitude Test: Will revisit in March.

XI. New Business:

1. Fire Chiefs Report: None

2. Safety and Training Report: All training has been completed for the 2014 year. Fire calls are down 25 from last year.

3. Maintenance Report: There is a valve leak on 3-12 – they are trying to find where. 3-11 will not pump. It will be inspected and information will be forward to the Chair. John Boyd.

4. MFR Report: Calls – 194, this is 20 more calls than last year. When the break down on wage percentage is received it will be forward to the Board.

5. Posting for New Fire Chief: Co Chief – Alan Brennan will post the opening. Applications are to be in no later than March 2, 2015. A special meeting may be scheduled.

XII. Brief Public Comment: Tom O’Neal reminded the Board that the Fire Truck is a 2003 – and previous Board wanted to replace the truck every 20 years. Steve Cook stated that the 2 pumpers and 2 tankers were to be replaced every 5 years.

XIII. Announcements: None

XIV. Correspondence: Carr stated she had coupons for Staples if any one needed them.

XV. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Susan Sikkema / Mecosta Twp. Clerk