

MECOSTA/AUSTIN FIRE BOARD

MARCH 18, 2015 / APPROVED

- I. Meeting called to Order: 7:00 p.m.**
- II. Pledge to the Flag**
- III. Roll call: John Boyd, Greg Babbitt, Elizabeth Carr, Michele Graham, Susan Sikkema. Absent: John Brockway.**
- IV. Additions to Agenda: Under New Business adds #6 Budget/Settlement.**
- V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with the addition made by Sikkema, 2nd by Babbitt.**

Approved – 5 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

- VI. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 2015 minutes as written made by Graham, 2nd by Carr.**

Approved – 5 Unapproved – 0 Motion carried.

- VII. Treasurer's report: Treasurers report accepted as given and entered into the official record.**

- VIII. Approval of Bills: Motion was made to pay the Bills in the amount of \$12,839.80 by Graham, 2nd by Babbitt.**

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

- IX. Brief public comment: none**

- X. Old Business:**

- 1. Aptitude Test: Ron Palmer stated that adding questions to the application would be better than having a separate test. He will design an application and submit it for approval.**

2. **Status of Pumper Truck: Back-up pumper was repaired – new transmission at a cost of \$5,000.00 – 2 year guarantee – Valley Truck Inc.**

XI. New Business:

1. **Appointment of Fire Chief: Our Fire Chief Marv Bell will retire April 1st, 2015 (We Thank Him So Much for the years and dedication to our Townships and all the residents!!). Motion was made by Sikkema and 2nd by Babbitt to have Ron Palmer to assume the Acting Fire Chief position April 1, 2015, and having Nick Goodfellow move into the position of Training officer April 1, 2015.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

2. **Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief Bell stated that the fire runs are down from last year. All new equipment invoices are in. The 3-11 truck is back in service. Rescue is up about 30 from last year.**
3. **Safety and Training Reports: New jackets that are easier to see and the Trim pants with pockets which are made to carry needed hands on equipment. Cost: Fire Dept.: + or - \$600.00 - - - 1st Responders: \$1000.00.**

New supervisor at Ice Mountain and the Fire Chief spoke with him and plan on working together on future goals.

4. **Maintenance Report: Need to order oil and filers in the near future. Waiting for the hoses to come in.**
5. **MFR report: on file with the minutes.**
6. **Budget/Settlement: Budget was set at \$60,000.00. \$30,000.00 from each Township (Mecosta & Austin)\$2000.00 in from Firemen's Fund, interest on investments, and Donations. The Total for 2015/2016 Budget will be \$62,000.00 for the Fire Dept. The 1st**

Responders will have for the 2015/2016 budget a total of \$13,025.00.

- XII. Brief public comment: None**
- XIII. Announcements: None**
- XIV. Correspondence: None**
- XV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Boyd, 2nd by Sikkema.
Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.**

**Susan Sikkema
Mecosta Twp. Clerk**