

Watervliet Fire Board

Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019(corrected)

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Chair, **Deane Fizzell** who led us in the **pledge of allegiance**.

Board Members Present; Fizzel, Stepich, Marvin and Brinker

Board Members Absent; Hutchins

A **motion** was made by **Brinker** and supported by **Stepich** to approve the **minutes as presented from the July 16, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.**

Brinker presented the **treasurer's report/payables in the amount of \$31,771.97 for July 2019**. A motion was made by **Marvin** to approve the report and payables. Motion was supported by **Stepich. All in favor, motion carried.** Copy of treasurer's report and payables on file at the fire department.

Aaron Stephens of Maner Costerisan gave the audit overview and handed out hard copies of the audit.

Chief Jones presented his written reports. Chief Jones asked the board if the fire dept. would be interested in purchasing the 14ft. single axle trailer that the fire dept. has been using 3-4 times/month. A motion was made by **Stepich** to purchase the trailer for \$1,000.00. **Marvin** supported the motion. **All in favor, motion carried.**

The board agreed to donate the old Kawasaki four-wheeler to a person in need of it. The four-wheeler had been donated to the department twelve years ago and it has not been used by the dept. in several years.

1st Lt. – No report

2nd Lt. – No report

New Business:

- Chief Jones gave a "heads up" regarding the Communication Grant to purchase 25 pagers at \$400.00 each. The total cost will be \$10,000.00 and the grant would cover 80%. If the grant is not approved it will require a 50/50 cost share with the fire department and Berrien County. This is only a heads up and will not be in this fiscal year.
- November meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Old Business:

- Joe gave an update on the dry hydrants. The Carl Spessard property will need an estimated \$15,000.00 in repairs to the seawall to be able to install a dry hydrant at that location. The Township is looking at other sites and looking into pricing. Joe stated that the township has agreed to pay for approx. four hydrants ^{next 12 mos} this year. They will be looking for the fire dept. to contribute \$1000.00 per hydrant and the Lake Association will contribute \$500.00 per hydrant. A motion was made by **Joe** for the Fire Dept. to contribute \$1,000.00 per hydrant. Motion was supported by **Marvin. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Next regular meeting to be **September 17, 2019.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Brinker** and supported by **Stepich. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Marvin