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### L.S.W. EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

Approved February 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the L.S.W. Emergency Services Authority was called to order by Chairman Kline on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Station I Fire Hall at 7425 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg. Members present: Kline, Cross, Hill, Betts and Austin. Absent: McDougall.

Also present: Chief Betts, Officers, staff, and Deputy Secretary, Amber Waldburger.

Moved by Kline, seconded by Cross to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019, as printed. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Austin, seconded by Cross to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Roll call vote—Ayes: Kline, Austin, Hill, Betts, and Cross. Nays: None. Absent: McDougall. Motion carried.

Cross presented the Building & Grounds Report, noting a broken spring that had occurred at Station 2. Presented the three-year contract from Hi-Temp to service the Furnace and Air Conditioning units at Stations 1 and 2 for an annual fee of \$966.67 per year, totaling \$2900.00 for the three-year contract.

Moved by Cross, seconded by Betts to approve the High-Temp contract and make the first payment of \$966.67. Roll call vote—Ayes: Kline, Austin, Hill, Betts, and Cross. Nays: None. Absent: McDougall. Motion carried. Cross was authorized by the Board to sign the contract on behalf of L.S.W.

Run logs were handed out for the fire and the ambulance. The Fire Department had 49 runs, and the Ambulance had 25 runs for the month of January.

Chief Betts mentioned that he had a message from the insurance company, so the renewal will probably be up for consideration at the next meeting. It was also brought up that minimum wage will be going up by late March. There was discussion on whether to increase the firefighter's pay accordingly for the whole quarter or separate it based on the mandatory increase date.

Moved by Cross, seconded by Austin to increase to the new minimum wage rate of \$9.45 effective February 1, 2019. Roll call vote—Ayes: Kline, Austin, Betts, Hill, and Cross. Nays: None. Absent: McDougall. Motion carried.

Chief Betts presented a letter he had received from the State of Michigan, in which they indicate that they will not license our new ambulance, citing lack of NHTSA certification, even though we have complied with all their previous instructions to have it Triple-K certified. A lengthy discussion ensued, from which it was agreed that the Board will support any and all legal action if necessary to address this issue. We are now operating as our primary ambulance what should be our backup, and it has already caused issues, most notably with a recent breakdown that occurred mid-run.

Moved by Cross, seconded by Austin to pay the bills as approved: check #6662 thru check #6676 in the amount of \$6,849.13 dated 1/17 – 2/20, and EFTs in the amount of \$1,181.34 for Consumers Energy, Frontier, Granger, and TDS; Payroll from the Trust and Agency Fund using direct deposits in the amount of \$47,907.35, dated 1/17/19 – 2/22/19. Roll call vote—Ayes: Kline, Hill, Austin, Betts, and Cross. Nays: None. Absent: McDougall. Motion carried.

Deputy Secretary requested direction regarding a \$14.00 check originally issued in 2010 that had been found by parents of the recipient and brought to us with a request to reissue. The Board unanimously agreed that nothing will be done until the request is made by the individual to whom the check had been issued.

A report from Victor Township was given; the exhaust system at the Victor station will not be hooked up for the foreseeable future because parts cannot be found to maintain it. The parking lot will be repaved, most likely prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>. They will update us with dates and timelines as they become available.

J. Betts noted that John McDougall's mother has passed. The Board gives their condolences to his mother and Kline's, who also passed in January.

Cross reminded the municipalities that their upcoming budgets should include the change in the ambulance special assessment from \$45 per household to the equivalent of 1 mil.

Austin reiterated the Board's support in any litigation that comes from trying to resolve the ambulance certification issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Amber Waldburger  
Deputy Secretary