

**Peninsula Township Fire Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: **Avery; Andrus; Atkinson; Sprenger**, Chair; **Goode**. Also present was *Fire Chief Ronk* and *Mary Ann Abbott*, recording Secretary

Absent: **Ball** (excused)

**Approve Agenda**

**MOTION: Andrus/Atkinson** to approve the agenda as presented.

**Brief Citizen comments - for items not on the Agenda**

None

**Conflict of Interest**

None

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION: Andrus/Adkinson** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: **Goode-Yes, Sprenger-Yes, Atkinson -Yes, Andrus - Yes**

**PASSED UNAN**

**Business**

**1. Discuss Remount & Recondition 2000 Ford E350/Horton Ambulance**

*Chief Ronk* offered to have members visit the one that came back but he is happy with the product. He did receive a proposal with all the graphics for \$155,800.00 without a trade in for the chassis. There are Lease/Finance options available so you can build your budget around that information.

There was further discussion about finance options and the upcoming budget process.

**MOTION: Goode/Atkinson** to table business item #1 Remount & Recondition 2000 Ford E350/Horton Ambulance until March 1, 2016.

Roll Call Vote: **Goode-Yes, Sprenger-Yes, Atkinson -Yes, Andrus - No**

**MOTION PASSES 3-1(Andrus)**

**2. Discuss Sale of 2005 Chevrolet 3500 Series (Old Ambulance Chassis only) & 2005 Chevrolet 550 Series (Rescue Vehicle)**

Discussion occurred on how to get an accurate value on these items and how best to sell them.

**MOTION: Sprenger/Atkinson** to authorize Chief Ronk to get 3 bids on the fair market value on the 2005 Chevrolet 3500 Series (Old Ambulance Chassis only) & 2005 Chevrolet 550 Series (Rescue Vehicle).

Roll Call Vote: **Goode-Yes, Sprenger-Yes, Atkinson -Yes, Andrus - Yes**

**PASSED UNAN**

**3. EMS Billing Rates**

*Chief Ronk* reviewed the reimbursement report from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He did not see any big discrepancies.

**MOTION: Andrus/Sprenger** to keep the EMS billing schedule as submitted.

**PASSED UNAN**

#### **4. Joint Township Board/Fire Board Meeting.**

**Sprenger** stated that the Township Clerk would be sending out an email with a revised calendar due to some meeting conflicts. **Sprenger** would like to continue the meetings with the Town Board and if not then the Fire Board will have to move forward with the recommendations for the consultant.

*Chief Ronk* urges the Fire Board to take a look at partnering with the city for employees and have them staff your stations and run your equipment. You still have the assets and they provide you with the personnel. **Andrus** thinks it is a good idea and that it should also include looking at the student program. *Chief Ronk* it has the opportunity to be the savior for other departments as well. Need to move forward and looking at the Fire Board to be the catalyst. There was further discussion on housing options including rental homes and investigation of septic needs at current fire station.

**Sprenger** asks Avery how the Fire Board could best educate the Town Board on the need for the Fire Stations and OSHA requirements. **Avery** suggests building into the Fire Board budget and development of a five-year plan. **Atkinson** this could be the most important decision that the Town Board will ever make.

**Sprenger** the dates for the joint meetings should be out in the morning.

#### **5. Schedule 2016-2017 Budget Meetings**

**Sprenger** There are some preliminary dates for the Budget meetings. Sprenger and Ronk will be working on the budget and would like to know if anyone else would like to help. **Andrus** offered to help. **Sprenger** indicated that Ball was also available to help.

#### **Citizen Comments**

None

#### **Board Comments**

*Chief Ronk* asked if the fire Board would like the loaner unit returned and the deposit returned to the Township.

**Motion: Sprenger/Atkinson** to authorize the loaner unit to be returned and the return of the deposit.

**PASSED UNAN**

**Motion: Andrus/Sprenger to adjourn at 7:53 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Ann Abbott, Recording Secretary.