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**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
FASC
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Scott Vaughan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: S. Miller, S. Vaughan, P. Knoerl and G. Burns.

Members absent: G. Goodspeed and K. Faasen

GTFD Meeting Report: Scott read the highlights of the meeting and stated that Rockford Construction has dropped out of the bid process for the new fire station project.

Minutes: Shari read the minutes from the January 2005 meeting. Paul motioned to accept the minutes, second by G. Burns. All ayes. Minutes approved.

Hearing of the Public- Supervisor Frank Force, members of the fire dept and the Fire chief were present at the meeting.

Old Business:

1. Fire Station Project- The FASC discussed the steps to be taken as the bids are sent in for the new station. Frank Force stated he has answered a few questions from the contractors since the meeting. Paul said Maria has met with Huntington National Bank for project financing.
2. Wabasis and Belding rd- the light has been repaired. For future reference there is a web site for Consumer Energy and any lights that need replacing can be emailed to Consumers Energy.
3. Homeland security (FEMA) - The items that will be requested are on a completed list and it will be prioritized after the application has been printed out off the internet. Chief Lou explained that Ann Ward has again offered to help with the application and submission of the Grant. The matching funds have been reduced to 5% this year.

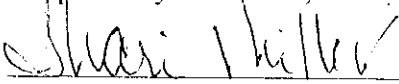
New Business:

1. 2005-2006 Fire Operations Budget- The Dept submitted their proposed operations budget for the 2005-2006 year and it will now be submitted to the Township Board for approval.
2. No parking sign- The Fire Department has a hydrant on Old Belding Road and patrons of the Grattan Bar park their vehicles in front of the hydrant. The dept. is concerned if there was a structure fire and they needed water from the hydrant, critical time would be wasted trying to get the vehicle moved from the no parking area. The dept is asking for a new sign to be placed at the site and also public awareness.

Next meeting: March 9,2005 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall.

Adjourn: the meeting was called to adjourn at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shari Miller