

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hrs by vice Chair Steve Christians, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Steve Christians, Gloria Burns, Ken Brandes, and alternate Shari Miller.

Members absent: Scott Vaughan, Paul Knoerl.

Also present Chief Lou Kirkbride and Frank Force.

Minutes-

Shari read the minutes from the August 27, 2008 meeting, motion to accept minutes by Gloria Burns, second by Steve. All in favor minutes approved.

Shari read the minutes from the September 30, 2008 meeting, motion to accept minutes by Gloria Burns, second by Ken Brandes. All in favor minutes approved.

Agenda-

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Gloria, second by Steve. Agenda approved.

GTFD monthly report-

Lou highlighted the officers meeting held at the department on Oct. 21, 2008.

Fire Dept Budget Update- reviewed by FASC.

Hearing of the Public-none

OLD BUSINESS

1. ISO Evaluation and Rating- There are 3 Compliance documentation books being put together with all pertinent information to support the activities for training and pre-planning.
2. Well and hydrant- The time line of completion is still mid-December.
3. DNR Grants-due in around November 15, 2008.
4. Training updates- There are presently 5 fire trainees in school.
5. Fund Raiser- To date the pizza sales has raised \$34.00.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Charging for runs- The township board has again brought it to the FASC that we should re-visit the idea of charging for runs made by the fire dept. The FASC and Chief Lou discussed this at great length. Non-resident calls account for approximately 10-15 runs per year. Steve Christians made a motion that the FASC recommends to the Township Board that no fire runs be charged to anyone, second by Gloria.

Roll call vote- Steve –yes, Gloria-yes, Ken-yes and Shari – yes. Motion approved.

The FASC passed this motion based on the reputation of the goodwill of fire fighters. Charging for runs could cause individuals to choose to handle a situation by themselves, resulting in grave consequences.

2. Alternates- According to the by laws of the FASC, a quorum is 3 out of the 5 members.
3. Notification of missing a meeting- Vice chair Steve states that a member who will be missing a meeting needs to notify the Chairman or Vice Chair in advance, and then an alternate can be called.
4. November and December meetings- The FASC has agreed to meet both months at this time. Members of the FASC whose term will end in December must re-apply for their seat at the Township hall.

Next meeting-November 26, 2008 at 1900 hrs.

Adjourn-2020 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Miller, FASC recording secretary