

DRAFT 10-28-09  
APPROVED:

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP  
FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 28, 2009

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

Member's present-Steve Christians, Gloria Burns, Ken Brandes, and alternate Shari Miller.

Members absent: Scott Vaughan (military leave) and Paul Knoerl.

Also present Fire Chief Lou Kirkbride, Township Supervisor Frank Force and Kim Christians.

Motion to approve agenda by Steve and second Ken. All ayes, Agenda approved. Minutes were read by Shari and motion by Gloria to approve the September 2009 minutes, second by Steve. All in favor, minutes approved.

GTFD monthly report was given by Ken. - Discussion with FASC about the possible upcoming power outage in Grattan on November 7, for a Consumer Power customer upgrade. The Department had about 25 calls for the month. November 11 the Dept will burn trees at the Sewer site.

Hearing of the Public- none

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. ISO Evaluation and Rating- The process continues, how ever much of it will depend on the election and if there is money available.
2. Wells, pump stations and alternate water supply- Lou states he was impressed with the demonstration but wants to check other options.
3. Fund raiser update- business is very slow. No actual amount to report.
4. Radio and dispatch-Frank states he miss the supervisor meeting. Steve states he checks the website although there is not much on it.
5. FEMA grant- No news to report.
6. Building on 5 mile and Murray Lake- Frank sent the owner a letter per the Township board's instruction. The owner did respond and the dept may be able to use the building as fire training. Chief Lou states that is a very dangerous building.
7. Fire Fighter Qualifications-Lou states there should be written guidelines. There is a pecking order that is in place but the guidelines need to be built on what is already there.
8. Millage Renewal- Don't forget to vote!
9. Promotion qualifications Captain to Chief- FASC discussed the proactive steps to create a guild line. Steve will begin by creating an outline.

10. Physical fitness- Ken states the guys in the department are interested in some type of program and or challenge that would incorporate other townships.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Next meeting will be the day before Thanksgiving and the December meeting is scheduled for the day before Christmas Eve.
2. Carl Levin- the Senator responded to our letter that was sent out in regards to the funding of our Grants.
3. Driveway Ordinance-Are they enforced? Ken states that Fire and Emergency equipment are not always able to get down driveways that are obstructed with foliage and trees. Some driveways in the township are curvy, with deep valleys, steep slopes and narrow areas that not adequate entrances that could cause risk factors .The FASC will look at the ordinance closer. .

Next Meeting: November 25, 2009

Adjourned: 2015 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Miller, FASC recording secretary.