

DRAFT: 3-25-09
APPROVED: 4-22-09

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP
FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 1900hrs by Vice Chairman Steve Christians, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Members Present: Steve Christians, Ken Brandes, Gloria Burns and alternate Shari Miller.
Members Absent: Scott Vaughan and Paul Knoerl.
Also present at the meeting was Supervisor Frank Force and Fire Chief Lou Kirkbride.

Agenda: Motion by Steve to accept the agenda as presented, second by Gloria. All ayes. Agenda approved.

Minutes: Shari read the minutes from the February 2009 meeting, motion by Gloria to accept the minutes as read, second by Steve. All ayes. Minutes approved.

GTFD monthly report: Lou reviewed the report that includes disaster training, there was no budget given to the FASC for review.

Hearing of the Public: Frank reminded everyone of the upcoming appreciation dinner and to RSVP soon.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. ISO Evaluation- Lou states the preliminary audit may take longer to get the site visit than first anticipated. In the mean time training and work will continue. The map of the 5-mile radius of the township may have to be updated.
2. Smoke Detectors- all installed.
3. Grattan Store fundraiser- inactive at this time.
4. Physical fitness program- no news to report.
5. Letter of Recognition- Steve presented and read a letter to be given to the Fire Department at the dinner from the FASC.
6. Background checks- Steve stated Paul is checking to make sure that the department is bonded.

7. Door Sensors- Sensors have been installed at each door by Taylor Construction.
8. Millage Renewal- A separate election would cost about \$8000.00, the FASC discussed putting the millage renewal on the general election. Steve made a motion to add the renewal to the general election instead of having a special election, second by Shari Miller. All ayes. Motion approved.
9. Pump Station- The township does not have a large water supply if/when a fire occurs and it would be most helpful if the fire department had a pumping station at various sites in the township to draw from. Letters to legislation will be sent out from the Chief and the FASC asking for assistance on this matter. Steve made a motion to send the letters to Legislation, second by Gloria. All ayes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rockford Ambulance- Looking for a sub-station. This preliminary idea was brought to the FASC's attention and after discussion the FASC is in favor of this possibility.

Next Meeting- April 22, 2009 at 1900 hrs.

Adjourn- 2007 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Miller, Recording Secretary