

**HOWELL AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

April 19, 2023 – 6:00 pm

Oceola Township Community Center – 1661 N. Latson Rd. Howell, MI 48843

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**Board Members Present:**

Chairman Bill Bamber, Vice Chairman Mike Coddington, Secretary Mark Fosdick, Member Bob Ellis, Attorney Kevin Gentry, Fire Chief Ron Hicks, Asst. Sec/Treas. Laura Walker

**Absent:** Treasurer Bob Hanvey

Chairman Bill Bamber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2023:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Coddington to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Call to Public:** No Response

**Discussion/Approval to purchase Sutphen 75-foot Aerial Ladder in the amount of \$1,437,318.68:** Insurance coverage is provided by Sutphen for the transportation from their location to the Howell Fire Department. MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Coddington to purchase the Sutphen 75-foot Aerial Ladder in the amount of \$1,437,318.68. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Discussion/Approval of the 2023/2024 Budget:** Chief Hicks requested that we add 3 Full Time Firefighters at Station 20 for 24 hour shifts. Chief Hicks requested that the Board approve the hire of 1 of those positions immediately as we are losing valuable staff to other departments. Motion for hiring additional 24 hour employee will be made as a separate item. MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to approve the 2023/2024 Budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Discussion/Approval to hire 1 full time employee prior to July 1 and as soon as possible:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to hire 1 full time employee prior to July 1 and as soon as possible. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

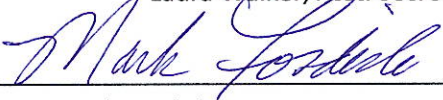
**Discussion/Approval to approve Retiree HSA plan through MERS:** Mr. Fosdick requested that the Board be able to obtain information about the policy from MERS. Deputy Chief Czubenکو stated that we will obtain information from MERS as soon as we are able to set up the plan and share it with the Board. MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Coddington to approve adding a Retiree HSA plan through MERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Discussion-Follow-up on website updates for Howell Area Fire Authority:** Deputy Chief Czubenکو reported that we are working on updates and resolving some issues with links on the page.

**Approve payment of Bills and Payroll:** MOTION by Mr. Coddington, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to authorize payment of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$326,635.11. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Adjourn:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted:   
Laura Walker, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By:   
Mark Fosdick, Secretary