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GLADWIN RURAL URBAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

"The Professionals"

1000 WEST CEDAR AVE.

GLADWIN, MICHIGAN 48624

A regular meeting of the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire Protection District Board was called to order by Chairperson Weaver on November 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Board Members Zelt, Vannest, Beck, George, Grabowski, Jurgensen, Falls, Ouimet, McDonald, Peck, Greer, Crawford, and Weaver.

Also present: Chief Alward, Treasurer Courneya, Mayor Winarski, Arlene Ogg, Ron Brabon, several firefighters and guests.

Absent: Monaghan.

Motion by Vannest, supported by McDonald, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting, as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Grabowski, supported by George, to approve the treasurer's report and authorize payments as listed on the warrant totaling \$25,084.51.

Ayes: Zelt, Vannest, Beck, George, Grabowski, Jurgensen, Falls, Ouimet, McDonald, Peck, Greer, Crawford and Weaver.

Nays: None

Absent: Monaghan.

Motion carried.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Mayor Winarski explained a program called the Promise Zone Initiative. It is a program in which the Federal Government will invest and partner with high-poverty areas to create jobs and increase economic activity, etc. Municipalities, townships, and other forms of local governmental units are eligible to apply for participation in this program. Points will be given which could be advantageous in applying for grants and loans. The Northern Transformation Group covers our area. There is no cost to belong to the group.

Motion by McDonald, supported by George, to join the Northern Transformation Group.

All ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief gave an update on the storage building. The job is about 90% complete,

just waiting for the overhead door and finishing the approach.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chief explained an opportunity that we have to trade up to a newer tower truck available from the Sutphen Company. We were looking at having to spend approximately \$63,000 to repair the tower truck that we have. We can upgrade to a completely refurbished 1991 unit for \$265,000.00 with trade-in. A new unit at today's prices would cost around 1.5 million.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Ouimet, supported by Peck, that we commit to purchase this truck from Sutphen.

Ayes: Zelt, Vannest, Beck, Grabowski, Jurgensen, Falls, Ouimet, McDonald,

Nays: George

Absent: Monaghan

Motion carried.

The Chief will work out the financing and bring back to the Board.

The Chief presented the proposed 2014 budget and explained line by line.

Motion by McDonald, supported by Zelt, to approve the budget.

All ayes, motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief reported that we have been approved for a 100% grant for an in-cab computer that will be installed in Truck #5.

Approximately 850 children benefited from the Fire Protection Program presented by our fire fighters during Fire Prevention Month.

Fire runs for October were reviewed.

Motion by Zelt, supported by Peck, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Crawford, secretary