

Milan Area Fire Department
Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2025
Fire Station: 45 Wabash St., Milan, Michigan 48160
Executive Board Meeting

The Regular Executive Board Meeting for the Milan Area Fire Department was called to order at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members in attendance were Ed Kolar (City of Milan), Christian Thompson (City of Milan), David Ludwig (York Township), John Hargrove (York Township) Mark Bogi (Milan Township), Shelby Allstetter (Milan Township), Penny Turner (London Township), Melissa Beauchamp (London Township) excused, Barb Henley (Member at Large) excused. Fire Chief Carpus was in attendance.

25-9 Motion Turner/Hargrove to approve the proposed agenda as submitted. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

25-10 Motion Turner/Kolar to approve proposed minutes from August 21st, 2025. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

25-11 Motion Turner/Hargrove to approve the payment of bills from August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025, a total of \$51,859.48 (including checks, ACH payments, and payroll checks/direct deposit). Discussion had regarding monthly ACH and Credit Card Statements and Receipts. It was agreed that all Credit Card Statements/Receipts will be sent to the board Treasurer for review. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

25-12 Motion by Kolar/Turner to acknowledge the receipt of the Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual Report through August 2025. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

Public Comment: Resident posed question related to Amazon purchases and if there was a cap, and/or if they were reviewed. It was concluded that Amazon purchases are placed on the Credit Card, and those will not be reviewed monthly by the Board, Treasurer.

25-13 Motion by Turner/Bogi to approve table the Services Agreement between the Milan Area Fire Department and Fire Recovery USA, LLC for the Cost Recovers Services listed in Schedule A of the Agreement. Discussion was had regarding legal review, missing services, weak clarification on residents vs. non-residents being billed, and the importance of the four entities ordinance being the same for this, and that the resolution needs to mirror the ordinance. No objections: Motion Carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

25-14 Motion by Turner/Hargrove to table the attached Resolution establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the deployment of Emergency and

Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered by/for the Milan Area Fire Department. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

Fire Chief Carpus presented his regular fire department update with information on the following items: Apparatus, Personnel, SOGs, Cost Recovery, Operations, and Station.

Run Report August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025

City of Milan – 47, G/I – 6

London Township – 14, G/I – 3

Milan Township – 10, G/I – 5

York Township – 16, G/I – 4

Mutual Aid - 8

25-15 Motion Turner/Kolar to accept chief's report. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.

Discussion:

First Merchants Bank – Account Access – Discussion was had related to board members having online access to the First Merchants Bank Accounts. It was decided to table this discussion until after the next meeting where the Board Secretary position will be filled.

Board Comments:

Turner requested a Zoom status update from Bogi, to which he replied he would keep us posted how things turn out in Milan Township.

Ludwig spoke to the need of authorizing the purchase of another truck with half down now, and half at delivery. Hargrove then inquired about stock trucks. Chief Carpus spoke to the difficulty of catching a stock truck.

Thompson requested information on how many fires within the last year, and what types. Chief Carpus responded that he would need to pull the exact numbers together.

Bogi inquired about dry hydrants, and Chief Carpus responded that there were none on public access roads. Bogi also requested that when checks are signed, that invoices accompany the checks. Turner informed him the process would be different with the implementation of the new BS&A software. Everything will be attached to the invoice in the system, reviewed, and approved before the checks are even cut.

Public Comments: Resident Marty Richie spoke about cost recovery being put into motion back in 2003 along with the hazmat agreements. Also spoke to the spec not being heavy enough on stock trucks, and not worth the purchase.

25-16 Motion Turner/Kolar to adjourn at 6:21pm. No objections: Motion carried unanimously: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absences.