MINUTES
MICHIGAN FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WORK SESSION - RULES

Meridian Township Fire Department
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, January 23, 2020
9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian Blomstrom, Vice Chair, Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association
Lynnae White, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society
Greg Janik, Michigan Municipal League
Jacob Steichen, Nominee of the State Fire Marshal
Aileen Pettinger, Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Kevin Sehlmeyer, State Fire Marshal, Ex-officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chad Tackett, Chairperson, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Terrance Blackmer, Michigan State Firemen's Association
Alan Styles, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:
Andrea Keown, Department Technician, Fire Fighting Training Division

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Liz Arasim, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department
Mark Cleveland, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Robert Smith, Dexter Fire Department
Bill Forbush, Alpena Fire Department
Bill Priese, Meridian Township Fire Department
Jim Fisher, Gerrish Township Fire Department
Robert Jennison, Livonia Fire Department
Aric Massingill, Adrian Fire Department
Stan Pochron, Taylor Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Vice Chairperson Blomstrom called the special meeting/work session to order at 9:12 a.m. A quorum was determined present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-01-01
A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Pettinger** and seconded by **Councilperson White**

to approve the January 23, 2020 special meeting agenda, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeyer and Councilperson Janik each received similar communication from the Allendale and Iron Mountain fire departments regarding fire chiefs continuing education criteria not being on par with current firefighter criteria. Fire Marshal Sehlmeyer also received a call from a fire chief in northern Michigan, who heard chiefs would need to be certified to Fire Officer 4's. He advised the draft rules speak only to Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II certifications for chiefs based on population.

Councilperson Pettinger: None.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Steichen shared that some departments are having NFIRS issues.

Councilperson Blomstrom received communication regarding reciprocity for teachers who are firefighters and questions on whether educational experience can be used in lieu of taking Instructor I, II, and III courses.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules Update:** A revised draft of the Fire Fighter Training Council General Rules (dated December 6, 2019) was provided to the council in their meeting packets and projected for all attendees to view during the work session. FFTD Department Technician, Andrea Keown made changes to the working draft document per the discussion. The discussion resumed with continuing education credits from the December 6, 2019 special meeting. The council took a lunch break from 12:20-1:20 p.m. After the lunch break the council revisited the section concerning continuing education requirements. The council took a short break from 2:50-3:00. After the break the council discussed continuing education hours and how MIOSHA Part 74 correlated to these rules.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Mosher, Midland Fire Department asked about MIOSHA continuing education requirements in relation to the state's rules.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Fire Marshal Sehlmeyer conveyed that the next special meeting/work session at Lansing Community College - 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917 on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 will be heavily focused on FY20 grant applications, and that Hollie Metts would send a Doodle poll to set up future special meeting/work sessions dates.

Councilperson Pettinger: None.

Councilperson White: None.

Councilperson Steichen: None.

Councilperson Janik likes the progress the council made today.

Councilperson Blomstrom agreed with Councilperson Janik that good progress was made and that we will need to revisit the reciprocity and instructor sections of the rules.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

20-01-02
A **MOTION** was made by **Councilperson Steichen** and seconded by **Councilperson Pettinger** to adjourn the special meeting/work session. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairperson Tackett

Brian K. Blomstrom

Councilmember