

COLFAX GREENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2026

Motion made by Jeanne, seconded by Melody, for Larry Laxton to conduct the meeting in Nancy's absence. Motion carried.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Larry Laxton. He then led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Melody, Harold, Larry, Jeanne, Jason. Absent: Nancy

PUBLIC PRESENT: List attached

MINUTES: Motion made by Melody, second by Jeanne to approve Corrected minute from 2/9/2026 with additional date correction. Motion carried. Motion made by Melody, seconded by Jeanne to approve the 3/19/2026 minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jeanne made a motion, seconded by Melody, that any overages in the budget this year should be taken from the \$19,000 Funds in Reserve vs shuffling from other line items. Motion carried.

Jeanne stated 2 checks have been received but not yet deposited. One from Consumer's Energy, the other from MMR.

Jeanne made a motion, seconded by Larry, to approve the bills to pay with the additional \$703 to Home Depot for the lights & blowers for a total of \$5161.09. Motion carried.

Books are in balance, report filed for audit.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Few calls this month: Powerline, brush fire, assist structure fire Mesick.. Current concern for flooding in the area. Jason & Kevin met with Emergency Manager out on River Road where several residents have major flooding. Larry made a motion, seconded by Jeanne, to approve the report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Generator Issues: Larry & Mike checked out the generator, determined it is not running correctly. At least 1 phase is not firing, causing issues when running the air compressor. Mike has contacted Graham Electric for service. Larry suggested a designated maintenance person and that a log be kept. Jason agreed and accepted that responsibility.

The previously approved purchase of flood lights, blowers and cone lights have been purchased.

Building Needs: Painting the faded building, fix and or replace garage doors and openers. Will get quotes for painting and get Cadillac Garage Door out to evaluate possible repair vs replacement. Cement pad is on hold pending new quotes for the larger size 75x36

Milage: Greenwood approved adding the renewal to the August ballot, however requested additional information and new verbiage for the additional .5. They also stated that they have money in the general fund to assist with major purchases. Much discussion was had regarding needs and wording. Jason with Joe or Becky to have the .5 increase changed to state it is for "Equipment to meet state mandated upgrades and to replace the 1984 brush truck" Motion made by Jeanne, seconded by Harold, motion carried.

SCBA: Jason is requesting 6 units. The board has previously approved the purchase of 2, they will ask each of the townships to buy 2 as well. This will assist in the continuity of devices for the firefighters. They will stick with the MSA brand to keep consistent with the other Manton departments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase requests: Winch. Estimate \$300-\$350. Much discussion had regarding weight capacity and to make sure you have a reliable product. Jeanne made a motion, seconded by Melody, to purchase a wench up to \$500. Motion carried. Tender 5 needs new tires, current tires are over 10yrs old. They are in good shape with low miles, but this is another state requirement. We should be able to sell them. Jason will look into different brands and bring back a few quotes.

Jeanne mentioned that she may need to contact the accountant to get assistance regarding the new Michigan unemployment website to make quarterly payments. There could be a bill coming for this.

Jason requested possible change to the time of the monthly meetings. He would like to see the meetings change to 6pm. The board did not have any conflicts, but Jeanne will check with MTA to see if this can be done now or may need to wait until next year as the schedule has been approved and posted.

Melody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm, seconded by Harold. Motion carried.