

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OKOLONA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Okolona Fire Protection District came to order at 7:00 pm, on April 2, 1998, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky 40219. The following people were present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Mickey Raisor, Treasurer
Mrs. Joan McGee, Secretary
Mr. Jerry Skinner
Mr. Joe Cissell
Mr. Ed Hogan
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Mr. Myron Hobbs, Advantage Benefit Consultants
Firefighter Alan Wheeler
Captain Kyle Brown
Firefighter Troy Kerr
Captain Chris Gosnell
Firefighter Dave Pendleton
Firefighter Scott Evans

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the March 12, 1998, meeting were presented for approval. Joan McGee made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the March 12, 1998, meeting were duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

II. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

The treasurer submitted his report for the Month of March, 1998, which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of March 1, 1998.....	\$123,135.08
Deposits as of March 31, 1998.....	\$ 52,722.06
Disbursements as of March 31, 1998.....	\$ 85,811.58

Ending Balance as of March 31, 1998.....\$ 90,045.56

Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Joan McGee seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motion the treasurer's report for the month of March, 1998, was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Health Insurance

We have two proposals for the career health insurance group plan. It was the decision of the board to have the chief review the plans and figures, and bring a recommendation to the board at the May meeting.

B. Fire Department By-Laws

At the March meeting, the board indicated it's desire to change the fire department by-laws concerning the selection of officers. Attached is a suggestion from the fire chief. Trustee Cissell feels firefighters should not vote on officers. Jerry Skinner made the motion to accept the chiefs recommendation as printed. Ed Hogan seconded. Ed Hogan, Jerry Skinner and Mickey Raisor voted in favor of the motion. Joe Cissell, Joan McGee and Dorsey Powell voted against the motion. This resulted in a tie vote. Joe Cissell then made the motion that firefighters not vote on officers. Joan McGee seconded. Ed Hogan, Jerry Skinner and Mickey Raisor voted against the motion. Joan McGee, Joe Cissell and Dorsey Powell voted in favor of the motion. Again a tie vote. Dorsey Powell, Chairman, then voted again no. Roberts Rule will govern the outcome of the vote. Attorney Maze will research this and advise the board of the results.

C. Computer

At the March meeting we requested to purchase a new computer. Trustee Skinner and the chief have ordered a computer. They saved the department about \$700 to \$800 over the quotes received last month.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Career Firefighter Resignation

Firefighter Gary Burkhead has resigned his full time employment with the fire department effective April 1. He has accepted full time employment as a West Buechel police officer. He wishes to remain as a volunteer firefighter. Ed Hogan made the motion to allow Gary to remain on the department as a volunteer firefighter. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition. We have posted and memo and taken applications until 7:00 pm this date.

Chairman Skinner appointed a hiring committee as follows: Ed Hogan, Joe Cissell & Joan McGee. Trustee Cissell to chair the committee. They are to meet and make a recommendation to the board at the May meeting.

B. Property Owner Trustee

Trustee Cissell's term of office expires on June 30, 1998. According to the election procedures adopted by the board of trustees, an election committee is to be appointed. A copy of the applicable by-law is attached. Attorney Maze advised that the election will be held the last Saturday in June, which will be June 27, 1998, between 11:00 am & 2:00 pm. We need to change the by-laws. Trustee Skinner made the motion to change the by-laws from the last Thursday in March to the last Thursday in April. Ed Hogan seconded. Joe Cissell abstained. Board approved.

Chairman Powell appointed an election committee as follows: Ed Hogan, firefighter representative, Jerry Skinner, property owner representative and Dorsey Powell, county judge appointed representative.

Attorney Maze advised that he would like the by-laws changes to read as follows:

In article I - The properly completed Certificate of Nomination must be received by the department no later than 4:30 pm. on the last Thursday of April.

In article II - The election will be held according to State statutes.

In article III - In the first week of April, the Board of Trustees shall cause to be printed a legal notice that announces a forthcoming Property Owner Trustee election. This legal notice shall inform the general public that any person interested in running for the Property Owner Trustee

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position must file a certificate of nomination paper with the department no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of April.

Mickey Raisor made the motion to make the above changes in the by-laws. Jerry Skinner seconded. Trustee Cissell abstained. Board approved with no opposition.

C. Unit 8081

The van, unit 8081, is in need of mechanical attention. The exhaust system (muffler and tailpipe need to be replaced). Also it idles poorly when the unit is warmed up. There has been discussion concerning a possible trade of this vehicle to the county police in exchange for another type of vehicle. Chairman Powell advised that the county police have a 4 wheel drive pick-up they are considering trading for it. Trustee Skinner advised we should have the opportunity to look over the vehicle that they want to trade and they should have an opportunity to look over our van. The officers board also should have the opportunity to make a recommendation. Jerry Skinner made the motion to table this matter until such time as we can see the county vehicle and the officers can make a recommendation. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Miscellaneous

A. Station 2 Roof

Station 2 roof is nearing completion. We will be paying for it sometime this month. We made the decision to put siding on part of the building. Captain Gosnell polled the board for approval. The additional cost was approximately \$900. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve the purchase of the siding. Joan McGee seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase siding for station 2 at a cost of approximately \$900.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, Joe Cissell made the motion to adjourn. Joan McGee seconded. Board approved with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan McGee, Secretary

Attested:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman