

**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 October 5, 2000, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Ed Hogan, Treasurer
Mr. Bob Hughes
Mr. Joe Cissell
Mr. Mickey Raisor
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary
Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District

Visitors: Mr. William Hollister, CPA
Capt. Cary Luker
Capt. Kyle Brown
Capt. Chris Gosnell
Sgt. Brad Nalley,
Fire Marshal Ted Calvert
Batt. Chief Keith Anderson

Mickey Raisor will be acting secretary in the absence of Madonna Flood.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the September 7, 2000 meeting were presented for approval. Bob Hughes made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the September 7, 2000 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 September, 2000 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2000.....	\$ 85,066.07
Deposits as of September 30, 2000.....	\$128,566.38
Disbursements as of September 30, 2000.....	\$134,570.22
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2000.....	\$ 79,062.23

Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Bob Hughes seconded.

Board approved with no opposition.

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Audit

Mr. William Hollister presented the audit for the fiscal year 7/1/99 through 6/30/2000. After discussion, Bob Hughes made the motion to accept the audit as presented. Joe Cissell second. Motion approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

B. Apparatus Bids

Only one bid was submitted for the new fire apparatus. Chairman Powell opened the bid from Pierce Manufacturing and advised the board that the price was \$357,997 before any additional options. Mickey Raisor made the motion to have the apparatus committee go over the bid and total up the options for the next meeting. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved. Bob Hughes suggested that two members of the trustee board should be on the committee. Ed Hogan is on the committee and Joe Cissell volunteered to be the second trustee on the committee.

C. Firefighter Emeritus

At the September meeting the board requested Attorney McGregor to look into us reinstating the Firefighter Emeritus for any member that retires after 20 years service. Mr. McGregor advised the board that the board can not spend any tax money for benefits for Firefighter Emeritus. Mickey Raisor made the motion that firefighters who leave the fire department after 20 or more years of service with the Okolona Fire Protection District have the same rights and privileges of any active firefighters unless deemed otherwise by the board of trustees. Joe Cissell seconded as long as it does not cost the department any money. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions that any firefighter that retires from the department with 20 or more years of service have all the rights and privileges of an active firefighter as long as the department does not expend any money for these benefits.

D. Sign

We have discussed for several months getting some type of sign for in front of station 1 to let the district know about meetings and events. Ed Hogan advised that we have received prices for a portable sign. Chief Carlson sent a memo about possibly getting a permanent sign that would attach to the front. After discussion, the board tabled the sign until the regulations are checked regarding permanent signs and prices are received for a permanent style sign.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMT Instructor Class

Career Firefighter Rob Barnes has been working toward becoming an EMT Instructor. It would be an asset to the department to have an EMT instructor. He has requested to attend a class at Eastern Kentucky University held November 3, 4 & 5. The total cost would be \$295. Joe Cissell made the motion to send him to the class. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to send Firefighter Rob Barnes to EMT Instructor class at a cost of \$195.

B. Replacement Windows

There are 3 wood frame windows at station two which have deteriorated with age and need replacing. We have price quotes as follows:

Pella - \$1,275
Custom Home - \$915
Gilkey - \$1370

After discussion Joe Cissell made the motion to get the windows from Gilkey. The board did not have any references for Custom Home and Pella required a down payment. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 3 windows for station 2 from Gilkey at a cost of \$1370.

C. Awards Dinner

The annual awards dinner is scheduled for December 16. We will be recognizing many people

this year for lengths of service, probably more than in the past. We also need to reserve a caterer for the dinner. Price quotes are attached. After discussion, Mickey Raisor made the motion to have Hall's cater the dinner. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to hire Hall's Cafeteria to cater the awards dinner.

D. Chief Officers Positions

We will have two of our chief officers retire at the end of the year. We did not fill the vacancy from Asst. Chief Dieffenwieth's retiring. Chief Carlson would like to restructure the chief officers positions similar to the way we restructured the captain and lieutenants position being that you would start out as a lieutenant and after a probationary period you would become a captain if there were no problems. With the chief officers positions you would start as a Battalion Chief and after a period of time with no problems you would become Assistant Chief. Trustee Cissell asked how many more cars we would have to purchase for this. Trustee Raisor advised that we would not be adding any additional vehicles. He advised that under the new system Keith Anderson would become Asst. Chief 8002, Kyle Brown would remain 8003 Battalion Chief to become Asst. Chief at a future time, Ted Calvert would remain 8004 Battalion Chief to become Asst. Chief at a future time, Chris Gosnell would become 8005 Battalion Chief to become Asst. Chief at a future time, and Cary Luker would become 8006 Battalion Chief to become Assistant Chief at a future time. Troy Kerr and Bobby Gritton to become Lieutenants. It was asked what the by-laws said. Trustee Raisor advised that this was different from the by-laws. He advised that the firefighters wrote the by-laws and the board approved them. The board has the authority to change the by-laws at their discretion. Mickey Raisor made the motion to accept the above officers. Bob Hughes seconded. Mickey Raisor made the motion to change the by-laws to follow the above procedures. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Mickey proposed to the board that for the career positions, the captains position and the Battalion Chief position currently get an additional \$1800 added to the base salary. He would like to see that changed to be as follows: Sergeants receive \$500, Lieutenants receive \$1,000, Captains receive \$2000, Battalions Chiefs receive \$3000 and Assistant Chiefs receive \$4,000. Trustee Cissell suggested that perhaps the volunteer firefighters filling the same positions may disapprove since they don't get paid for doing the same work. The board tabled this to a later time.

E. Retirement Party

Mickey Raisor and Joe Cranmer will both be retiring from the department as of December 31, 2000. We would like to get them a gift for their service and have a dinner for them. The gifts

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would cost approximately \$600 and the food should be approximately \$600. Ed Hogan made the motions to approve \$1200 for the gift and dinner. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approved up to \$1200 for a retirement dinner for Joe Cranmer and Mickey Raisor.

F. New Trustee

Mickey advised that with his retirement we will have to fill a trustee position. The County Judge makes the appointment. This is for a firefighter trustee position. The board advised to have the firefighters select who they would like and send the name to the County Judge.

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. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved and meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Raisor, Acting Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman