

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OKOLONA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The special meeting of the Okolona Fire Protection District came to order at 7:00 PM, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219, on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, with the following people present:

Mr. Ed Hogan, Treasurer
Mrs. Madonna Flood, Secretary
Mr. Jack Ragan
Mr. Bob Hughes
Mr. Mike Portman
Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

In the absence of Chairman Dorsey Powell, Madonna Flood made the motion to have Ed Hogan be acting chairman. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fire Station Computer Networking

At the last meeting Trustee Portman asked two questions concerning the high speed phone lines for networking both fire stations computers. Chief Carlson advised that he had received the following answers from NuVox.:

1. What happens if the phone lines are dead? We receive credit.
2. What about the speed of the lines? The slowest speed was proposed. Nuvox then moved us up to 320 Kbps. This month's sales promotion is that if you upgrade to the next highest speed, 640 Kbps, they'll raise it one higher up to top speed which is 1 million bits per second. The cost is an additional \$120 per month per station. Chief Carlson suggests that this be considered. Trustee Portman advised that he would spend the money to get the faster speed. Madonna Flood made the motion to get the high speed. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend an additional \$120 per month per station to get the 1 million bits per second for the computer, phone networking.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Career Firefighter Vacancy

Fire Marshal Ted Calvert has notified the district of his retirement September 1, 2002. Jack

Ragan, Joe Cissell and Ed Hogan were on the hiring committee. Since Joe Cissell is no longer on the board, Kyle Brown was contacted about the recommendation. The hiring committee recommends hiring James Casey. Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the hiring committee's recommendation to hire James Casey. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Chief Carlson advised that he had sent a memo to career employees advising that employees meeting certain qualifications should submit resumes to him for the position of Fire Marshal. Resumes must be in by Monday, August 19, 2002. Those meeting the qualifications and submitting their resumes may be given a month each trial period in the position before a final selection of Fire Marshal is recommended to the board.

Ed Hogan asked the board to approve \$750 for a dinner and a retirement gift for Ted Calvert, as we did for the others that have retired. The dinner is scheduled for September 15, 2002. Kyle Brown made the motion to approve up to \$750 for the retirement of Ted Calvert. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to allocate up to \$750 for a retirement gift and dinner for Ted Calvert.

B. Autocad Class

Approval was requested to send two firefighters to a class on how to use the computer aided drafting software at a cost of \$1,150. Bob Hughes made the motion to spend the \$1,150 to send the two firefighters to the class. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to send two firefighters to the autocad class at a cost of \$1,150.

C. Flooring

Ed Hogan advised that he had gotten price quotes for the carpeting for the exercise room at station 1. Quotes are for 26 oz. carpeting and installation. There was no pad quoted or requested.

Bischoff's - \$735
Benjamins - \$790
Kinnards - \$815

Bob Hughes made the motion to purchase the carpeting from Bischoff's. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase carpeting from Bischoff's at a cost of \$735 installed.

D. Watercraft/Motor Vehicle Tax Rate

Attorney McGregor advised the board that we needed to set the 2003 tax rate for watercraft/motor vehicles. We have not received the certified tax roles to set the real property tax rates. Bob Hughes made the motion to certify that the Okolona Fire Protection District will levy a property tax rate of ten (10.00) cents per \$100 of assessed value upon motor vehicles and watercraft for the calendar year of 2003. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to set the tax rate on motor vehicles and watercraft for the 2003 year at ten cents per \$100 of assessed value.

E. Litigation

Attorney McGregor advised that the district has been officially served with a lawsuit filed by Joe Cissell. The lawsuit is identical to the draft shown to the board at the August 1 meeting. We have 20 days to respond. Madonna Flood made the motion to have our legal counsel take the necessary actions regarding this lawsuit. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, Madonna Flood made the motion to adjourn. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved and meeting adjourned. 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Madonna Flood, Secretary

Attested:

Ed Hogan, Acting Chairman

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