

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 on Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219, with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Ed Hogan, Treasurer
Mrs. Madonna Flood, Secretary
Mr. Jack Ragan
Mr. Bob Hughes
Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Mike Portman, arrived at 7:10 PM.
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Scott Harrington, Woodland Manor Neighborhood Assoc.
Ms. Sharon Taylor, Woodland Manor Neighborhood Assoc.
Batt. Chief Cary Luker
Capt. Billy Mattingly
Firefighter Frankie Nalley
Firefighter Rob Barrett

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the August 1, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the August 1, 2002 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 August, 2002 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2002.....	\$437,067.03
Deposits as of August 31, 2002.....	\$ 52,354.24
Withdrawals as of August 31, 2002.....	\$180,977.01
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2002.....	\$308,444.26

Jack Ragan made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of August, 2002 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Powell welcomed the Vice President Scott Harrington and Treasurer Sharon Taylor, of the Woodland Manor Neighborhood Assoc. to the meeting.

A. Fire Marshal Vacancy

Applications were received from Mike Allendorf and Troy Kerr, for the fire marshal position. The chief recommends Mike Allendorf be appointed fire marshal with the rank of captain, for a one year probationary period. Upon successful completion of that period, Mike would be moved up to battalion chief. Ed Hogan made the motion to appoint Mike Allendorf to the position of fire marshal. Kyle Brown seconded. Kyle Brown asked if Mike would receive the supervisor pay. Chief Carlson advised that he would. Board approved with no opposition.

B. Food Allowance Benefit

About two months ago, the board approved on a trial basis, a benefit for the career firefighters, consisting of a food allowance benefit of \$25 per career firefighter, every two weeks. The feedback from the career personnel is that this benefit is working as desired and should be continued on a permanent basis. Jack Ragan made the motion to continue the food allowance. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to continue the food allowance benefit for career firefighters.

C. Arlington Report

As information to the board, the Arlington Trip report has been completed. It has been sent to the Arlington Fire Department for their review for accuracy. When we have received a response from them the report will be distributed.

D. Sale of Surplus Vehicle

The bids for the sale of the surplus pick up truck unit 8073 and the slide in water tank & pump unit were opened. A list of the bids are attached to these minutes. Trustee Hogan advised that there were two fire departments that submitted bids. Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the bid from John Blakeman for \$6250 for the truck and go to the next highest bidders if Mr. Blakeman does not complete the transaction in 14 days. Madonna Flood seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the bid of \$750 from Charlestown Fire Department for the pump/tank although they may not be interested in the pump since they did not get the truck. If they are not interested then accept the bid from Mike Mudd for \$505. Madonna Flood seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to sell the surplus unit 8073 to John Blakeman for \$6,250 and the tank and pump to Charlestown Fire Department for \$750.

E. Open House

The open house/rededication for station 2 will be October 20, 2002. Battalion Chief Cary Luker requested fire prevention materials in the amount of \$1,190 to be distributed. Kyle Brown requested to have a plaque made for the outside of the building with firefighters and trustees names engraved at a cost of \$1075. Trustee Flood advised that we should check with Awards America for a price, they have a material that holds up better than bronze and is cheaper. After discussion about the plaque and concern expressed regarding the cost Kyle Brown made the motion to approve up to \$1075 for the plaque, \$1190 for the fire prevention materials. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Trustee Ragan will help with the public relations coverage for the open house.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve up to \$1,075 for a building dedication plaque and \$1,190 for fire prevention handouts for the station 2 dedication open house.

Ted Calvert's retirement dinner will be held Sunday, September 15, at station one. Cary Luker advised the board that the food for this dinner will cost approximately \$200.69 plus the cost of a cake. Trustee Hogan advised that we had already approved money for the retirement dinner. Attorney Maze was asked for an opinion as to whether we could hold this dinner and he advised that he felt we could since it was in recognition of more than 20 years of service, retention of firefighters and fell in the statutory authorized category of support of supervisory personnel. His opinion is that such an expenditure is authorized pursuant to KRS 75.040.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Rescue Class

We have 7 members wishing to attend the Jefferson County fire school water rescue class. We currently only have one member that is at a technician water rescue level. It would be very beneficial to the district to have a team. There is equipment needed for these team members. To outfit the 7 people with bare essentials will cost \$1900. To completely outfit them will cost \$5900. The difference in cost is for the dry suits. Each person on the team would be issued their own equipment and they would be responsible for it. The bare essentials are required to take the class. Kyle Brown made the motion to spend \$1900 to get the bare essentials at this time and after successful completion of the class to purchase the dry suits with total cost to be \$5900. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend \$1900 for necessary equipment for 7 members to become certified water rescue technicians. At the successful completion of the class \$4000 additional is allocated to purchase dry suits.

B. Training & Educational Opportunities

Approval to spend \$2,798 for college classes towards fire service degrees for Keith Durbin, Dave Lindsey, Mark Burns, Scott Evans, Mike Allendorf and Chris Gosnell was requested. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve \$2,798. Kyle Brown seconded. Attorney Maze was asked if we can make members pay the department back for tuition costs if they leave the department or don't successfully complete the class. Attorney Maze advised that we can obligate them to pay it back. The board requested that they receive a report showing grades and class completion. Chief Carlson will see that the board gets these reports. Motion approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve \$2,798 for college classes.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Jack Ragan advised that he felt we should be thinking about a working agreement with other surrounding departments, possibly merging with some neighboring departments or at the very least formulate some type of plan. Chairman Powell appointed Jack Ragan, Kyle Brown and Bob Hughes to be the committee to work on this. Jack Ragan will chair the committee. Committee to prepare a report to give to the board.

2. Madonna Flood advised the board that she had talked with a man who lives on Laurel Ridge and he said that he credited OFD firefighters with saving his life and he wanted her to be sure to thank them for him.

3. Ed Hogan advised the board that Charlie Keyes has written a letter to J-Town Construction

regarding completion of our work and the warranties but he has not received a response.

4. Ed Hogan asked the board if they wanted to start a new list of applicants in case we need to hire someone in the near future. The board advised that they would like to have a new list. Joe Cissell was on the hiring committee and his position on the committee needs to be filled. Mike Portman will be on the hiring committee.

5. The tax rate hearing will be on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at 7:00 pm.

6. Chairman Powell asked Mr. Harrington & Mrs. Taylor if they had any questions. Mr. Harrington asked why we were having a rededication ceremony for station 2? Chairman Powell advised that we had done some extension renovations to the station to meet OSHA requirements and to accommodate our staffing the station with 24/48 firefighters.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, motion was made to adjourn by Ed Hogan, seconded by Bob Hughes and approved by board. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Madonna Flood, Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman