

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 Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 8501 Preston Hwy., Louisville, Ky. 40219 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Jack Ragan, Treasurer
Mr. Kyle Brown, Secretary
Mr. Ed Hogan
Mr. Mike Portman
Mr. Lonnie Thurman
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Asst. Chief Chris Gosnell
 Firefighter Brian Evans
 Firefighter Rob Barrett

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan 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 December 7, 2006 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 December, 2006 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2006.....	\$ 63,536.07
Deposits as of December 31, 2006.....	\$1,572,817.28
Withdrawals as of December 31, 2006.....	\$1,304,152.03
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2006.....	\$ 332,201.32

Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of December, 2006 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sale of Surplus Vehicles

We have received bids for the surplus 1997 Expedition and the 2001 Crown Vic.

Bids are as follows: Crown Vic - Daniel Richardson \$4,725
Fire & Specialty Eqpt. \$2550
Jeff Laeng \$3,000.01

Expedition - Edward Dana \$3200
Fire & Specialty Eqpt. \$2550

Kyle Brown made the motion to sell the Crown Vic to Daniel Richardson for \$4,725 and the Expedition to Edward Dana for \$3,200. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the sale of the Crown Vic for \$4,725 and the Expedition for \$3200 was approved.

B. Attendance

Firefighter Todd Kraemer and Firefighter Brad Parsons did not meet the attendance minimum requirements for the year December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006. They were each sent letters requesting them to attend the meeting. Neither firefighter is in attendance. Chairman Powell recommended that since neither firefighter elected to attend the meeting, they be dismissed. Ed Hogan made the motion to terminate them for not maintaining their percentage and for not coming to the meeting. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

C. Loan

Trustee Ragan advised the board that we did not have to borrow any money last month and he destroyed the letter of intent to borrow.

D. 2006 Runs

Trustee Kerr advised the board that we had ended the year with 3918 runs. 1600 of the runs were medical runs.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Part time Firefighters

Part-time firefighter John Self, who has been providing coverage at station 4, has informed us that he has accepted a 40 hour per week employment opportunity. We would like for him to stay on our books filling some weekends when appropriate, and possibly evenings and nights should there be minimum staffing issues related to illness.

We will need to hire a part time person that will be available during week days.

Lastly, owing to our financial situation, the chief suggests consideration be given to using part time firefighters on the weekends increasing the opportunities for full time firefighters to take vacation or holiday time during the weekends. A final decision on this should not take place until June giving us the opportunity to see how cost reduction measures have worked.

The board approved the hiring committee to start proceedings to hire a part-time firefighter. The board also approved faxing a notice of intent to hire to other departments in our area.

B. Insurance

Each March the board receives general insurance proposals. In order to advertise, receive and review proposals without being pressed for time, January is a good time to begin the process. The board's approval to advertise for insurance proposals when the specifications have been reviewed and finalized was requested. Jack Ragan made the motion to approved advertising for proposals. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

C. Education and Training Opportunities

The training officer has forwarded requests from Mark Little and Roy Kline to enroll in college classes. These firefighters are working toward Fire Science degrees. The total cost if \$1,895.

The training bureau has submitted a request to send members of the fire department to the Green River Fire School as we do each year. The request is to send up to 15 members at a total cost of \$3,150. Given the financial situation, the chief recommends that only sergeants or officers be allowed to attend this program. If we do not have 15 sergeants and officers that wish to attend, the open positions will not be filled.

The trustees advised that it was decided last month that we would only pay 50% of college costs due to the financial concerns. We only approved the two last month because they had enrolled in classes before they knew that we would only be paying 50%,

Ed Hogan made the motion to pay for one half of the 2 college classes and the Green River Fire School. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved paying 1/2 tuition costs for the two firefighters and approved the Green River Fire School.

D. Health Insurance

Chief Carlson advised the board that the health insurance coverage will be going up 17.46% this year. The health insurance committee for the Jefferson County Fire Service, has been looking into alternative insurance coverage. They have a proposal that they would like to submit to the departments and a meeting will be held January 9. On January 18th, at the trustee association meeting, the departments will have to say a definite yes or no to the proposal. It is a partially self funded insurance coverage. The chief would like for a couple of trustee members to attend the January 9th meeting. Chairman Powell said that he thought the Chief and Judy should both attend. Trustee Brown, Hogan and Ragan said they would try to attend also.

We will have a special meeting on January 11, 2007 to discuss the proposed insurance program.

E. Sign

Ed Hogan advised that Madonna Flood continues to ask about the sign for out front of station 1. She has funds to allocate for this if we get the proposals for the sign. Dorsey asked Mike Portman, Ed Hogan and Jack Ragan to meet with Madonna and bring a proposal back to the February meeting.

F. Worker's Compensation/Sick Leave

Troy Kerr advised the board that at this time we have 4 career firefighters out on medical leave. Three are workers compensation and one is illness.

Ed Hogan made the motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel. Mike Portman seconded. Meeting went into executive session.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:55 PM. Ed Hogan made the motion to adjourn. Troy Kerr seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Brown, Secretary

Attested:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman