

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, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219, on July 5, 2007 with the following people present:

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

Visitors: Asst. Chief Chris Gosnell
Asst. Chief Kyle Brown

The firefighter trustee election was held on June 23, 2007. There were 4 nominees for the position and 37 firefighters voted. Cary Luker won the election with 14 votes. Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the election results. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Motion approved with no opposition.

Dorsey Powell was reappointed to his position as mayor appointee.

Attorney McGregor issued the oath of office to Cary & Dorsey.

Election of Officers

Jack Ragan made the motion for Dorsey Powell to remain chairman of the board. Ed Hogan seconded. There being no further nominations, motion was approved.

Ed Hogan made the motion for Troy Kerr to be the secretary and to have the authority to sign checks for the district. Jack Ragan seconded. There being no further nominations, motion was approved.

Ed Hogan made the motion for Jack Ragan to remain treasurer of the board. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Chairman Powell appointed Cary Luker to be acting secretary in the absence of Secretary Troy Kerr.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the June 7, 2007 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 June 7, 2007 meeting were duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

The treasurer submitted his report for the month of June 2007 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2007.....	\$ 87,442.37
Deposits as of June 30, 2007.....	\$684,698.90
Withdrawals as of June 30, 2007.....	\$547,954.69
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2007.....	\$224,186.58

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

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of June, 2007 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Retire/Rehire Committee

At the last board meeting the subject of retire/rehire was introduced. The board requested that we invite firefighters to serve on the committee. We have received letters from Scott Evans, Dale Stearman and Dave Lindsey and Chris Gosnell is in attendance to personally request to be on the committee. Chairman Powell appointed the above 4 firefighters to the committee along with Lonnie Thurman, Jack Ragan and Ed Hogan from the board. Cary Luker will be an alternate. Chairman Powell appointed Chris Gosnell to be chairman of the committee.

B. Sale of 1997 Ford Expedition

As reported to the board last November, in an effort to reduce expenditures, the 1997 Ford Expedition would be eliminated from the department vehicles and declared surplus. This vehicle has been taken from service and the board is asked to declare it surplus and offer it for sale. Ed Hogan made the motion to declare the unit surplus and to offer it for sale. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to declare the 1997 Ford Expedition surplus and offer it for sale.

C. Hiring

Part time firefighter Jesse Wright is leaving the department. He has been filling the position of 2 part time firefighters. It is requested to hire Scott Perkins, who is a volunteer firefighter to fill one of the positions and to post a notice and take applications for a second part time firefighter. We need for Scott to start on July 15. Ed Hogan made the motion to hire Scott Perkins to fill one part time position and to start the application process to hire the second part time person. The committee will make recommendations at the August meeting. Jack Ragan seconded. Cary Luker wants to be sure that the volunteer firefighters from Okolona have the first option for the position before going outside of the department. Motion approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. College Classes

Firefighter Mark Little has requested tuition reimbursement for his Pikes Peak Community College class and books. We are now paying only ½ of the tuition and book costs due to budget constraints. The total reimbursement would be \$437.35. There is money in the new fiscal year budget for this. Cary Luker made the motion to reimburse him the \$437.35 for tuition. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved reimbursing Mark Little \$437.35 for college tuition and books.

B. Retention Incentive

At this time of the year the board considers whether they want to establish a retention incentive for the given year. This proposal was offered two years ago. This fiscal year has \$55,000 included for a retention incentive. Trustee Ragan said that this was a way to increase salaries without a commitment. Ed Hogan made the motion to pay the retention incentives. Jack Ragan seconded. Kyle Brown advised that the firefighters would like to have this taxed over the year rather than like a paycheck. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve paying the retention incentive this year.

Miscellaneous

1. Ed Hogan stated that since we don't have any full-time firefighter positions open at this time it might be a good opportunity for us to look at changing our benefit packages

for new hires. Jason McGregor was asked to research whether we can offer less benefits to new hires than we do to our current employees.

2. Trustee Ragan advised the board that he had sent a letter to G.E. regarding the pilot program since we had not received a check from them this year. We received a check today for \$47,800.

Last year we found that there was a CD from the merger that we did not know about. We had to let the CD rollover into our name one time before we could cash it in. It is now coming up for renewal and he plans to put it in the regular account. Chief Carlson said that he would like for us to try to pay off the Edgewood loan early with that money which would save us considerable interest. Kyle Brown will speak to Ellie Hicks and get a pay off figure before the next board meeting.

3. Chairman Powell read a letter of retirement from Administrative Assistant Judy Johnson. She will be retired after 25 years of service effective August 1, 2007. Rochelle Evans will be taking over the full time Administrative Assistant position.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, motion to adjourn was made by Ed Hogan, seconded by Lonnie Thurman and approved at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cary Luker, Acting Secretary

Attested:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman

