

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 January 3, 2008 with the following individuals present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Ed Hogan
Mr. Jack Ragan, Treasurer
Mr. Troy Kerr, Secretary
Mr. Cary Luker
Mr. Mike Portman
Mr. Lonnie Thurman
Mr. Irv Maze, Attorney for the District
Mrs. Rochelle Evans, Fire Department Secretary
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District

Visitors:

A/C Kyle Brown
A/C Chris Gosnell

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the December 6, 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 December 6, 2007 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 2007 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance: as of Dec. 1, 2007.....	\$ 49,562.25
Deposits as of Dec. 1, 2007.....	\$ 1,511,002.09
Withdrawals as of Dec. 1, 2007.....	\$ 372,411.56
Ending Balance as of Dec. 31, 2007.....	\$ 1,188,152.78

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

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Part time Administrative Assistant

While focusing on bigger issues relating to Judy Johnson's employment, an error concerning the proposed salary was not noticed. The amount should have been \$11.75 per hour given her prior experience. Jack Ragan made the motion to approve \$11.75 an hour. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved \$11.75 as the hourly rate for Mrs. Johnson's part time employment and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

B. Financial Matters

The steps that were taken to control spending in 2007 were successful. Chief Carlson would like to restore the minimum staffing to eleven (11), and would like to propose an additional ninety (90) shifts of overtime, in addition Chief Carlson would also like to raise the special schools account by fifty five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00.) All of these things are easily restorable due to the successful nature of spending control in 2007. The board of trustees was fine with all the above and stated there was not a need for motions, due to all of these decisions are permitted by Chief Carlson in his position as Chief of the district.

C. Pressure Washer

At the December 2007 Board of Trustees meeting, the future purchase of a new pressure washer for Station Three (3) was discussed. The purchase was tabled due to more information was requested by the board and evaluation for the actual need for this purchase for station three was uncertain. This issue was re-visited and once again tabled for a future discussion at the February 2008 meeting with a request for price quotes for a commercial and a residential grade models'; and for Sgt. Brad Nalley to look into the need for stations two pressure washer and whether or not this could be moved to station three.

D. Knights of Columbus property

Trustee Jack Ragan offered information in regards to the recent sale of the Knights of Columbus property. Trustee Ragan stated Gary Owens, Allegra Printing has purchased the property and stated that he would like to offer Okolona Fire Department the opportunity to use this property and share the grounds whenever the Okolona Fire Protection District may need it. Troy Kerr stated he would like to receive this in writing. There was some mention to place gravel on the grounds between the two properties (grassy area) and this will be looked into further, with a future discussion to follow.

E. Personnel Benefits

Trustee Ed Hogan asked Attorney Maze whether or not we have the option of offering less personnel benefits to new employees. Attorney Maze stated that we can offer less benefits if we chose to new employees.

F. Thank You

Trustee Lonnie Thurman thanked the district for the recent invitation to the 2007 Awards banquet.

IV. New Business

A. School Request

Upon recommendation of the training bureau, Jody Craig has submitted a request for \$555.00 to enroll in a fire science class at Columbia Southern University. He has put his Physical Education pursuits at U of L on hold for the time being. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve Jody Craig's school request for \$555.00. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the Board of Trustees approve Jody Craig's Columbia Southern University school request of \$555.00 and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

V. Executive Session

The Chief asked to meet with the board in executive session to give a progress report on personnel matters discussed at the last board meeting. Ed Hogan

made the motion to enter into executive session. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Executive session entered into 7:25 PM.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the Board of Trustees entered into executive session and it was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

VI. Adjournment

The board entered into open session, and there being no further matters for discussion and after dual appropriate motions the January 2008 Board of Trustee meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Kerr, Secretary

Attested:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman

