

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 7:02 PM, on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky 40219 with the following people present:

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

Visitors: Firefighter Jeff Kampshaefer
Firefighter Chad Kolter
Firefighter John Bailey
Sgt. Keith Durbin
Mr. Jim Baker
Boy Scout Troop

ADMINISTRATION

Report from Election Committee

Mr. Jack Ragan informed the board that the election for firefighter trustee was held on June 27, 2009 per statutes. The results were Kyle Brown 19 votes, Bill Schmidt 14 votes.

Mike Portman made the motion to approve the election committee report. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the election committees report was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

Mr. Mike Portman has been reappointed for another term by Mayor Jerry Abramson.

Attorney McGregor gave the oath of office to Mr. Brown and Mr. Portman.

Election of Officers

Chairman - Jack Ragan nominated Dorsey Powell for chairman. Mike Portman seconded. There were no further nominations. Board approved.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions Mr. Dorsey Powell was re-elected chairman of the board of trustees.

Secretary – Ed Hogan nominated Cary Luker for secretary. Mike Portman seconded. There were no further nominations. Board approved.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions Mr. Cary Luker was re-elected secretary of the board of trustees.

Treasurer – Ed Hogan nominated Jack Ragan for treasurer. Mike Portman seconded. There were no further nominations. Board approved.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions Mr. Jack Ragan was re-elected treasurer of the board of trustees.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Mike Portman made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the June 4, 2009 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 June which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2009.....	\$2,039,010.50
Deposits as of June 30, 2009.....	\$ 128,156.03
Withdrawals as of June 30, 2009.....	\$ 306,087.08
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2009.....	\$1,861,079.45

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

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of June, 2009 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. College Classes – General Education

As information to the board, Chief Carlson advised that we have changed the process for requesting college classes that are general elective or general education. Future requests for such classes will have an explanation as to why the class cannot be taken locally. For example, the degree-issuing institution has a requirement that a certain number of credits must come from that institution and the class is needed to satisfy that requirement.

B. Outside Hiring

Attached to these minutes is a program, prepared by Asst. Chief Kyle Brown and a team of firefighters, for hiring firefighters from outside the Okolona Fire Department. Chief Carlson advised that he would like for there to be something included in this about the applicants actual firefighting experience.

Ed Hogan asked if the 50 question written test was an approved test that was free from any discriminatory questions, issues, etc. Chief Carlson advised that the test was an IFSCA written test.

C. Fire Hydrants

Ed Hogan asked about the program for paying for painting the fire hydrants. Chief advised that because of budget restraints we weren't able to do this. We need to use the money from the Water Co. as revenue.

D. Salary Increases

Cary Luker advised that we need to readdress the pay increases for the employees. Dorsey advised that they were to get a 2% pay increase July 1 and we would reevaluate things in September. Cary also advised that we approved in 2005 to give the guys retention checks. Rich advised that we would have to find the money for that someplace. Cary felt that we need to do something for the guys. We will hold the partial pay increase until August.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Career Firefighter Vacancy

Chief Carlson asked how the board wanted to proceed with the firefighter vacancy? We have been using overtime and that is costly. Kyle advised that we have a part-time firefighter who would like to be a full-time firefighter.

Ed Hogan asked if there was something that stated we have to have a hiring committee rather than letting the Chief officers do the interviewing and make the recommendation?

It was the decision of the board to hold this matter to executive session.

B. Assist EMS Incidents

Attached is a memo and spreadsheet concerning response to EMS calls, and responding to additional call types on a trial basis. If the additional response is approved, a process will be implemented to review every EMS run, to identify those runs where our response was not necessary and exclude them from our response model. It will not start until August 1. After lengthy discussion, Kyle Brown made the motion to try the new plan for 90 days and it to be brought back to the board at the November meeting for reevaluation. Ed Hogan seconded. It is felt by several board members that if our taking on more EMS runs is allowing the city to cut back on the number of ambulances in this area we do not need to be doing more. They would like to hear something about this at the November meeting as well. Motion approved.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve the new EMS response program for a period of 90 days, to be reevaluated at the November, 2009 meeting.

C. Outside Training

Ed Hogan advised that he would like for the department to look into getting some outside mid-management training classes.

D. Physical Fitness Program

The board would like a report on the physical fitness program such as, has it improved, how many people have gotten better, who has been tested, and have they passed or failed, etc. Chief will ask Jody Craig to provide a report at the August meeting.

Mike Portman made the motion to go into executive session at 7:55. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved and went into executive session.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:45 PM. The motion was made, seconded and approved to offer full-time employment to Chad Kolter at his former rate of pay and seniority to be calculated beginning 07/02/09. Kyle Brown did not voted.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to offer full-time employment to Chad Kolter, at his former rate of pay and seniority to be calculated beginning 07/09/09

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Attested to:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman