

WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

February 8, 2007 Regular Meeting

Board President Kenneth King called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Pataskala – Kenneth King; Harrison – Mark Van Buren; Jersey – Derek Myers; Kirkersville – Jamie Cloud; Reynoldsburg – Douglas Joseph; Etna – Paul George. All Board members were present.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

At the January 11, 2007 meeting, Union President David Price informed the Board that there are firefighters who would like to enroll with Aflac for 100% employee-paid supplemental insurance, if their premiums were payroll deducted. In response to Mr. Price's request, Aflac representative Michael Shapiro presented a brief summary of how Aflac insurance could benefit the Fire District's full-time employees. Mr. Van Buren motioned to allow monthly Aflac payroll deductions for full-time employees only. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk Elisabeth Krugh presented the January 11, 2007 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Myers motioned to approve the January 11, 2007 meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Cloud seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Etna – Mr. George, abstain; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve manual checks (UAN warrant numbers) 22145 through 22198, and 22245 through 22246. Mrs. Cloud seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk presented the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Licking County Auditor. Ms. Krugh also informed the Board as to the status of the UAN conversion – problems were encountered with the 2006 year-end balances. Due to that fact, it was impossible to reconcile the month of January's fiscal processes for the Board's approval. Only manual checks could be prepared and submitted to the Board for approval. As of this meeting, the UAN conversion was in a hold status. The Clerk would keep the Board advised of any updates/changes.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Weber presented the January, 2007 Fire Board Reports as follows: Monthly Incident Counts by Stations, Incidents by District, Aid Responses by Department, Incidents by Day of Week/Shift, Incidents by Zones, EMS District Report, EMS to Scene Time Analysis.

Chief Weber informed the Board that Travis Molter was selected by the Hiring Committee as a new full-time firefighter/paramedic. Mr. Molter's physical results had not been received as of this meeting date. No starting date was given at this time.

Chief Weber presented a list of miscellaneous computer equipment that was no longer being utilized and could now be scrapped (list attached). Mr. George motioned to scrap the miscellaneous computer equipment. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

Chief Weber requested purchasing a demo Jaws of Life at a savings of \$1,085 over the price of a new one. A unit was last purchased in 1978 and now needs to be replaced. Mr. George motioned to approve the purchase of the demo Jaws of Life Model 362R312 at a cost of \$6,840. Mrs. Cloud seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

An Insurance Committee was formed to consist of the following members: Chairperson - Jamie Cloud, Paul George, and Mark Van Buren.

Mr. Joseph motioned to approve Medical Mutual of Ohio as the major medical insurance provider for the Fire District, utilizing rates as submitted earlier with their proposal. Mr. George seconded. Vote: Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes. **Motion carried.**

Budget Committee Chairperson Derek Myers informed the Board that the 2007 General Operating Fund is equivalent to last year's budget, and includes two new positions for a mechanic and Fire Prevention Officer. Mr. Myers stated that funds would be set aside in the budget for these new positions, but Chief Weber will have to come back to the Board for approval of the positions at a later date.

Some time within the next few years, Chief Ken Mathews will be retiring and the new mechanic position will be performing the preventive maintenance that Chief Mathews currently does on 19 pieces of equipment, plus repairing lights, brakes, alternators, pumps, engines, testing equipment at proper intervals, lubricants, etc. Having an in-house mechanic would reduce the necessity for many outsourced repairs. The employee could work out of the Jefferson Street Shop location, and travel between the Fire District's stations as needed. Major overhauls would still need to go to a qualified outside shop. Chief Mathews stated that equipment manufacturers provide free training if an entity pays for their employee's transportation and lodging expenses. The Fire Academy also provides specialized training to repair emergency vehicles.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve the 2007 budget as presented. Mr. George seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

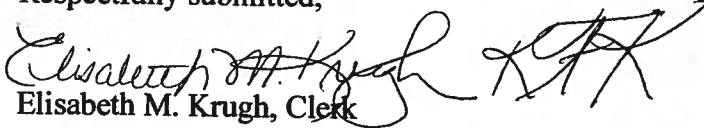
Mr. George motioned to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss hiring assistance for the UAN conversion. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. George motioned to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. Mrs. Cloud seconded. Vote: Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Myers motioned to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 for additional clerical assistance with the UAN conversion. Mr. George seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes. **Motion carried.**

There being no further business, Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elisabeth M. Krugh, Clerk

Note: These minutes are unofficial, subject to amendment, until approved by the Fire Board Members.

Guests present: Michael Shapiro, Assistant Chief Ken Mathews, Assistant Chief Harold Williams, Michael Cloud, David Price, Jamie Applegarth, and various other Unit 2 firefighters.