

# WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

## January 11, 2007 Organizational & 2006 Year-End Meeting

Clerk Elisabeth Krugh opened the first meeting for 2007, with Mrs. Jamie Cloud leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

Pataskala – Kenneth King; Harrison – Mark Van Buren; Jersey – Derek Myers; Kirkersville – Jamie Cloud; Reynoldsburg – Douglas Joseph. Etna's Board member, Paul George, was absent due to illness.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ms. Krugh asked for nominations from the floor for President. Mr. Van Buren nominated Kenneth King for President. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.** President Kenneth King presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. King nominated Mr. Van Buren for Vice President. Mrs. Cloud seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Labor-Management – Derek Myers, Chairperson; Kenneth King and Paul George.

Budget – Derek Myers, Chairperson; Mark Van Buren and Kenneth King.

Buildings & Land – Mark Van Buren, Chairperson; Douglas Joseph and Jamie Cloud.

Legislative – Douglas Joseph, Chairperson; and Jamie Cloud.

Job Description – Jamie Cloud, Chairperson; Douglas Joseph, Mark Van Buren, and Kenneth King.

VFFDF – Board members are Kenneth King, Chairperson and Jamie Cloud. Fire Dept. members are Assistant Chief Kenneth Mathews and David Price.

### OPEN DISCUSSION:

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 are payroll deducted. The Board is willing to allow this, if there is enough interest among the firefighters, but not for just a few. Mr. Price will ask firefighters at the next union meeting, and get back to the Board at their next regular meeting in February. Chief Weber asked that this be restricted to full-time employees only.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Clerk presented the December 14, 2006 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. King requested that the time coming out of executive session be corrected to read as follows, "8:47 p.m." This change was noted on the original December 14, 2006 meeting minutes. Mrs. Cloud motioned to approve the December 14, 2006 meeting minutes as presented and corrected. Mr. King seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes. **Motion carried.**

The Clerk presented the November 9, 2006 meeting minutes for Mr. King's initials. The meeting minutes were previously approved at the December 14, 2006 regular meeting but had not been initialed.

#### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Joseph motioned to approve vouchers 21927 through 21987, and 5069 through 50670. Mr. King seconded. Vote: Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

#### CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that retired Clerk Dottie Shortridge had completed her year-end work for 2006. Copies of all year-end reports are attached herein. Mrs. Shortridge has been removed as a signer for STAR Ohio and Pataskala Bank. Her bond was cancelled effective January 1, 2007. Mrs. Shortridge's thank you note to the Board was read by the Clerk.

The Clerk will renew Mr. King's \$5,000 bond as Fire Board President effective January 1, 2007.

The District's legal counsel, Downes, Hurst & Fishel has informed the Clerk that the billing rate has been increased from \$155 to \$160 per hour, effective with the January, 2007 billing.

The Clerk informed the Board that all year-end payouts have been completed as follows: November 1, 2006 contract increases; paramedic, holiday and pager pay; all required STEP increases and longevity bonuses are being paid and current due to created schedules that will ensure these are paid on a timely basis in the future.

Copies of a letter from the Licking County Auditor providing 2006 Values and Tax Estimates to be collected in 2007 were distributed to the Board. The Clerk also requested approval to send the District's written request to the Licking County Auditor for Tax Advances as they are available in 2007. Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve this request. Mrs. Cloud seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes. **Motion carried.**

The Clerk informed the Board that the IRS had raised the Standard Mileage Rates to 48.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2007. Mr. King motioned to increase the District's mileage reimbursement to 48.5 cents per mile. Mr. Van Buren seconded. Vote: Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

#### CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Jim Weber provided the Board with copies of the year-end 2006 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 Zone, EMS District Report, and EMS to Scene Time Analysis.

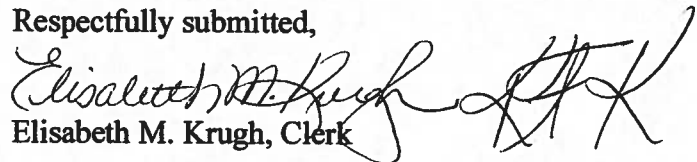
COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

7:47 p.m. – Mr. Van Buren motioned to go into executive session to discuss employee compensation. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Harrison – Mr. Van Buren, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers (no vote; not in meeting room); Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

8:35 p.m. – Mr. Van Buren motioned to come out of executive session. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Van Buren – yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Cloud, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

There being no further business, Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 8:36 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: Mike Cloud, Union President David Price, Assistant Chief Harold Williams, Battalion Chief Tom Bingham.