

WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 10, 2008 Meeting

Paul George opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m., and Kenneth King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Etna – Paul George; Harrison – Larry Kretzmann; Jersey – Derek Myers; Kirkersville – Erika Mudd; Reynoldsburg – Douglas Joseph; Pataskala – Kenneth King.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve the June 12, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. King seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Mudd, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. King motioned to approve warrants 23394 - 23440. Mr. Kretzmann seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Mudd, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Krugh provided the Board with an update on the 2006-2007 audit. It should be completed by the end of July or beginning of August.

In addition to providing the Board with copies of monthly financial reports, quarterly reports were also given to the Board members.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Weber informed the Board that there is ash borer damage to all of the maple trees at Station 1. The trees will need to be removed and destroyed.

There was discussion regarding the status of the Jefferson St. Shop. Chief Weber gave a brief history regarding the Shop, and stated that when the Fire District was formed in 1982, the Firefighters' Association donated the building to the District. The Firefighters' Association was granted use of the building. Since that time, they have remodeled (at their cost) the kitchen,

added new windows and carpeting. All of their supplies for the annual Street Fair are stored in this building. Chief Weber stated that WLJFD maintenance is performed at the Shop, we have equipment stored there, and it is a big part of our operation. Chief Mathews informed the Board that he has the building set up as a working shop, with all tools and maintenance parts being stored there. He changes tires, replaces valves, and performs other maintenance work at that location. Mr. Kretzmann informed the Board that there is a group trying to restore the Pataskala Town Hall. He requested opening a discussion to the possibility of housing the Pataskala Police Dept. at the Shop on a temporary basis only; no leasing. He feels that the Board needs to have discussion with the other entity involved, the City of Pataskala. Pataskala's Fire Board representative, Ken King, stated that the building location (Shop) isn't worth what it would be on Broad Street. The Pataskala Police Mobile Crime Unit is stored at the Jefferson St. Shop, and this building is also a polling place for elections. Mr. King stated that this issue doesn't warrant a Committee; the building is needed by the Fire District. Mr. King further stated that if this issue comes to a vote, his priority would be (looking out for) the Fire District. Linda Tague (Firefighters' Association and Women's Auxiliary) expressed her concerns regarding the Pataskala Police Dept. having temporary use of the Shop, and how that would effect the 20-year lease that the Association has with WLJFD to also use the Shop for meetings and Street Fair storage. Mr. Kretzmann again stated that he just wanted to have discussion to see if there would be any interest on the part of the Board to temporarily house the Pataskala Police at the Shop.

COMMITTEES' REPORTS:

Search Committee – Chief Weber reported that he had advertised the Fire Chief's position in *Fire Command Magazine* (the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association magazine). He stated that this was done to see what the initial response would be, and then there would be further advertising in the major newspapers (Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland).

Buildings & Land Committee – The Committee reported that preliminary discussions had taken place with Rick Myers, the owner of Kellam Associates. Chief Weber toured the Alexandria Fire Station that is currently under construction. Rick Myers is the architect for that project. Alexandria has encountered many problems with the construction of their new station. Chief Weber has confirmed with a reliable source that Rick Myers is not a licensed architect in Ohio. There was further discussion whether water and sewer would be available at the proposed Jersey TWP site. Mr. George informed the Board that per the Health Department, wells in that area are running 125 to 240 feet deep, at an approximate cost of \$5,000. A mound system for sewage would cost approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. Battalion Chief Tom Bingham stated that the Jersey TWP site is not conducive to building a new station, and that a mound system for sewage would not work on that property. Derek Myers stated that Jersey TWP wants the investors/developers to pay the millions that will be required for water along the 161 Corridor. Derek Myers further stated that if water does come up Mink Street or S.R. 310, we (WLJFD) might want to locate a fire station on the Jersey TWP site. The overall consensus was that there are too many issues with this project to pursue it at this time. WLJFD will wait until next year to proceed with proposed Station 4. Derek Myers also stated that WLJFD should begin looking for property in the south or west portion of the Fire District for another satellite station.

Mr. George asked the Board and audience for support in the upcoming Special Election on August 5th to approve the resolution and contract of the Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ-2) in Etna TWP. Mr. George stated that several hundred campaign signs would be placed. He also requested letters of support from the Board's entities, and Acting Lt. Steve Wagner assured Mr. George that the Union (Local 3025) would be supportive.

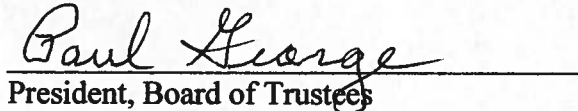
There being no further business, Mr. George adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elisabeth M. Krugh
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:



President, Board of Trustees

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

Guests present: Linda Tague, Assistant Chief Ken Mathews, Battalion Chief Tom Bingham, Jeremy Ridgway, Michael Shipley, Steve Wagner, Dustin Herb, Troy Burgess, Seth Coakley, Kyle Haertling, Mike Perkins