

# WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## September 11, 2008 Meeting

Paul George opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for all of the first responders who gave their lives in the line of duty on September 11, 2001, and the innocent victims who lost their lives that day.

### ROLL CALL:

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

### OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. George thanked the firefighters for their help with the JEDZ-2; it was much appreciated by Etna TWP.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. King motioned to approve the August 14, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Kretzmann seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Mudd, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes. **Motion carried.**

### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve warrants 23563 - 23633. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Mudd, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

### FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Krugh reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2008 Tax Advance from the Licking Co. Auditor was received; General Fund = \$2,685,200; 1 Mil = \$142,500.

Ms. Krugh informed the Board that she was contacted by OH Police & Fire Pension Fund regarding 2005/2006 pension reports that were underreported and/or incorrect, and missing contributions. Her review of those records found them to be incorrect; December 2005 lacked an entire pay period. The 2005 annual lump sum holiday and pager pay also was not reported. January 2006's report was missing lump sum payments, and the first pay period in 2006 was reported as the second pay period on the December 2005 report. It was also found that District employees received duplicate lump sum payments they were not entitled to. Ms. Krugh estimated the additional contributions will cost the District approximately \$70,000 (not including penalties). Further review and corrections to 2006 pension reports will likely be necessary.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Weber requested disposal of the following fire gear: 6 coats, 5 pants. Mr. Kretzmann motioned to dispose of retired fire gear; 6 coats and 5 pants. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Mudd, yes; Pataskala – Mr. King, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

Chief Weber presented an example of the decal that is being placed on all District vehicles to promote the District's new website: [www.westlickingfire.org](http://www.westlickingfire.org) Mr. Joseph inquired whether there was a counter on the website. At the time of this meeting there was none. His request would be addressed.

Chief Weber reminded the Board's representatives that according to State law, the District's new safety vests are required by anyone working on the streets, even the District entities' roads and maintenance crews.

Chief Weber stated that at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, vehicles would be parked on Spikebrush Court and the Fire District will try to enter and exit the Court with our fire equipment. Mrs. Mudd volunteered the use of her video camera to document this exercise.

Chief Weber reported that a Lieutenant has been working in the south as part of the Ohio Task Force (Hurricanes Gustav and Ike).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – (Myers, George, Kretzmann)**


Mr. Kretzmann stated that he hadn't heard anything on the Committee's status. It was reported that the Union had sent their paperwork to SERB.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE – (Myers, George, Kretzmann)**

Approximately 12 resumes have been received for the position of Fire Chief.

There being no further business, Mr. George adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elisabeth M. Krugh  
Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED:**

  
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President, Board of Trustees

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

Guests present: Battalion Chief Tom Bingham, Jeremy Ridgway, Doug Hankison, Mike Shipley, Dave Price