

OWEN VALLEY FIRE TERRITORY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Owen Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Walnut Street, Spencer, Indiana

January 14, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dale Bush, Deputy Director Stephen Cradick, Tammy Day, Director Mike Spinks, Margaret Tucker, and Lois West.

Also present: Fire Chief Pete Hodge, Fire Territory Attorney Terry English, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Hyde.

Meeting called to order by Director Mike Spinks at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2008.

Minutes of previous meeting: Margaret Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Register of Claims: Discussion regarding items listed on Claims Register. \$82,489.00 was listed for Repair of truck. Also includes the Investment in the Money Market with Owen County State Bank in the amount of \$161,946.70. The Claims Register was approved as presented and signed by all board members.

Encumbered Funds: Statement of Funds to be Encumbered was discussed, approved and signed by all board members.

Legislative Amendment: State Representative, Vern Tincher has requested that Director Mike Spinks speak to the committee regarding a proposed Legislative Amendment to the State Legislation, which establishes Fire Territories.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Hodge Reporting:

1. Chief Hodge presented a report which details fire runs and training hours for 2007. This report is filed with NIFIRS and will be forwarded to the Washington Township Trustee and the Spencer Town Council.
2. Chief Hodge presented a statement itemizing all equipment that was damaged due to the accident involving Unit 43. This statement has been submitted to the insurance company. They are currently in the process of replacing all of the damaged equipment.
3. Discussion regarding an estimate for the replacement of outside security lights which are not functioning properly. An estimate for the replacement or repair of the lights has been received from Live Wire in the amount of approximately \$1,200.00. Board members requested additional estimates for the repairs.
4. Discussion regarding the contract for services provided between the Owen Valley Fire Territory and the Owen Valley Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., specifically Liability and Life insurance amounts, and monies available for paid Fire Department staff. Also discussed a possible 2-year term for the new contract, as well as schedule for payments made to Firefighters. The Fire Territory Negotiating Committee will meet to draft a proposal prior to meeting with representatives from Owen Valley Volunteer Firefighters.
5. Discussion regarding the purchase of additional modules for "Fire House", which is the computer program which helps firefighters track fire runs and training records.

6. The Fire Department Board has held meetings and has compiled job descriptions and responsibilities for all positions.
7. Run summary will be provided to the Spencer Evening World for publication.

Discussion regarding the status of the Ordinance allowing for the purchase of a new Tanker / Pumper. There has been no change in the status of this ordinance to this point.

Discussion regarding legal action to be filed in the Owen Circuit Court:

1. Proposed Legislative Amendment does not address the holding of real estate for the purpose of generating income as in the situation of the building currently occupied by Juliebob's.
2. Fire Territory Attorney English met with Attorney Richard Lorenz to make final revisions to documents to be filed in the Owen Circuit Court. The documents should be filed very soon. Questions from the general public will be referred to Attorney English.

Discussion regarding contract for Fire Hydrant rental:

1. Proposed contract, drafted by Attorney Richard Lorenz, was presented for discussion. Discussion regarding flow testing of hydrants, charges for inoperable hydrants, use of hydrants by other departments, maintenance schedule and replacement of hydrants, length of contract, and increase in charges after 2 year contract term.
2. Margaret Tucker made the motion to approve the contract as proposed. Tammy Day seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, with Fire Territory Director, Mike Spinks, signing the contract. Attorney English will forward the signed document to Attorney Richard Lorenz.
3. Discussion regarding the development of a mechanism to locate hydrants which are not operational and to identify deficiencies to help with future contract negotiations.

Meeting Scheduled for the Fire Territory Contract Negotiating Committee to meet for discussion regarding the contract between the Fire Territory and the Firefighters. Preliminary meeting scheduled for January 28th at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Spencer Dairy Queen.

Director Mike Spinks will be unavailable for the February meeting. Meeting is to be conducted by Deputy Director Stephen Cradick.

Meeting adjourned at approximate 8: 04 p.m. January 14, 2008.

Date Approved: February 11, 2008

Mike Spinks, Director

Stephen Cradick, Deputy Director

Margaret Tucker, Board Member

Lois West, Board Member

Dale Bush, Board Member

Tammy Day, Board Member