

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

February 11, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dale Bush, Deputy Director Stephen Cradick, Tammy Day, 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 Deputy Director Stephen Cradick at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 11, 2008.

Minutes of previous meeting: Lois West made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Dale Bush. Motion carried.

Review of Monthly Financials.

Update on Pending Legal Action: The State Attorney General's office has filed a Motion for Enlargement of Time to Respond.

Pending Legislation Involving the Transfer of Money to Fire Territories : Fire Territory Attorney Terry English, and Vern Tincher testified before the Legislative Committee on behalf of the amendment which would allow the transfer of money to Fire Territories by other participating units. Discussion followed.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Hodge Reporting:

1. Job descriptions for all elected positions have been drafted and posted. The job descriptions outline specific requirements for each position held with the Owen Valley Fire Department.
2. The Fire Department has responded to several house fires with favorable outcomes.
3. Discussion regarding the use of the Tanker truck. The truck is still being used; however, Chief Hodge made an official statement that the condition of the truck is unsafe. Options for financing a replacement for the Tanker truck were discussed.
4. Discussion regarding the procedure for submitting Claims and/or bills to Spencer Town Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Simmerman, for payment. A letter was submitted to the Owen Valley Fire Territory Board and the Owen Valley Volunteer Firefighters which addressed some concerns she has about purchases not being adequately documented by the submission of the original signed receipts or purchase orders.
5. Medical bills for injuries as a result of the accident involving unit 43 have recently been paid by the insurance company.
6. Chief Hodge presented two estimates for repair of the outside lighting. An updated estimate from Live Wire submitted by Billy Roberts in the amount of \$1,530.60 and an estimate from Genesis in the amount of \$2,502.36.

Contract Negotiations with Volunteer Firefighters: Discussion regarding contract negotiations with the Owen Valley Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. The Fire Territory Board generally agreed that contract negotiations should be delayed until the Fire Territory has an approved budget. The Negotiating Committee will meet to organize information and to work on details for a proposal.

Contract for Hydrant Rental: The representative from the water corporation has signed the contract for Fire Hydrant rental between the Fire Territory and BB-P Water Corporation.

Claims Register: After a review and discussion regarding the Claims register, Dale Bush made a motion to accept the Claims Register as presented. Margaret Tucker seconded the motion; the motion was carried with the Claims Register being signed by all members present.

Meeting adjourned at approximate 7:45 p.m. February 11, 2008.

Date Approved: March 10, 2008

(Not Present)

Mike Spinks, Director

Stephen Cradick, Deputy Director

Margaret Tucker, Board Member

Lois West, Board Member

Dale Bush, Board Member

Tammy Day, Board Member