

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

April 14, 2008 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Fire Chief Pete Hodge, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia D. Hyde.

Guests present: Russell Glenn, John Wallace, Bruce Lynch, Brian Mauder.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Lois West made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Monthly Financials: A Motion was made by Steve Cradick to approve the Claims Register as presented. The Motion carried and the Claims Register was signed by all board members present.

Discussion Regarding New Legislation: House Enrolled Act #1105 states that Participating Units may adopt an Ordinance or Resolution to transfer any monies belonging to the participating unit to Fire Protection Territory Fund established under section 8, the Fire Protection Territory Equipment Replacement Fund established under section 8.5, or both funds described in subdivisions 1 and 2. This legislation also addresses the transfer of real property, intangible and/or tangible property. The Town Board and the Township Board would need to draft identical Ordinances specifying amounts to be transferred to specifically designated funds. The Ordinances may also need to state the specific proposed use of funds. Dale Bush made a motion that the Board issue a directive to the Provider Unit not to re-invest Fire Territory Funds in the amount of \$161,946.70, currently invested in a Money Market Account so that the funds can be used by the Fire Territory Board to provide Fire Protection services. Lois West seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Property Taxes and Tax Exempt status: Discussion regarding the loss of the Tax Exempt Status for the Fire Territory. Margaret Tucker received information that the appropriate forms had been filed to obtain the Tax Exempt Status. Steve Cradick will confirm that all necessary forms have been filed and attempt to obtain written verification. Mike Spinks made a motion that the Board approve the directive to pay the Property Taxes. Motion carried unanimously. Documents may need to be filed again in 2009 because of a change in filing from 4 years to 2 years. The Board will need to follow up on this item.

Update on Pending Legal Action: There is currently a hearing scheduled in May.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Hodge Reporting:

1. Unit 45 (2000 International that the Town of Spencer is still making payment on) has not had license plates since the formation of the Owen Valley Fire Territory. The unit may not be properly registered. Director Spinks will follow-up with Town Clerk/Treasurer

Linda Simmerman to determine whether or not she has a title and if she plans to obtain proper Registration and License Plates.

2. Chief Hodge is still receiving billings for loose equipment that was damaged during the accident involving Unit 43. Discussion followed.
3. Unit 46 (tanker) was sent to get an estimate for repairs. Unit 46 is the Tanker Unit that was removed from service due to the unsafe mechanical condition of the unit.
4. Discussion regarding the use of encumbered Training Funds.

Follow-up Items:

1. Grant Application has been completed and submitted. The amount requested was approximately \$250,000.00 with the matching portion being changed from 10% to 5% with notification regarding the approval of the grant being expected sometime later this year possibly in October. Steve Cradick made a motion to approve the submission of a letter of thanks to Angie Lawson for her work with the grant application. Motion carried. Steve Cradick is to draft a letter to Auditor Angie Lawson.
2. Discussion with Charlie Pride with the State Board of Accounts. Margaret Tucker had a discussion with Charlie Pride regarding the impact of House Bill #1105. At this time he is uncertain what the effect of this legislation will be.
3. Lois West made a motion to request a complete accounting be provided to the Fire Territory Board of the money invested in the Money Market account in the amount of \$161,946.70. Motion passed.
4. Discussion regarding meeting with the representative for the Brownsburg Fire Territory.
 - a) Their Fire Territory functions as an independent unit.
 - b) Brownsburg Fire Territory has an individual responsible for all the Financial transactions for the Fire Territory. They have a computer program recommended by Charlie Pride from the State Board of Accounts. This system is capable of tracking and reporting of all financial transactions.
 - c) Discussion regarding providing a Clerk and/or payment for accounting functions Possibility of transferring the responsibility of the Provider Unit to the Township Trustee.
 - d) Linda Simmerman will be invited to attend the next Fire Territory meeting to Discuss the additional work load created by performing financial functions for the Fire Territory.
 - e) Negotiating Committee plans to meet with the Board of Directors for the Owen Owen Valley Volunteer Firefighters, Inc. Prospective dates will be provided and forwarded to set a meeting between the two groups.

Meeting adjourned at approximate 8:30 p.m. April 14, 2008.

Date Approved: May 12, 2008

Mike Spinks, Director

Stephen Cradick, Deputy Director

Margaret Tucker, Board Member

Lois West, Board Member

Not Present

Dale Bush, Board Member

Tammy Day, Board Member