

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

August 11, 2008 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Fire Territory Attorney Terry English, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia D. Hyde.

Guests present: Bruce Lynch and Brian Mauder.

Meeting was called to order by Director Mike Spinks at approximately 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2008.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Held July 14, 2008 at 7:00p.m.: Margaret Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with a correction to the date that the meeting was called to order and to the signature date.

Board Appointments: Lois West was reappointed as the representative of Washington Township for a consecutive 4-year term.

Fire Chief's Report: There was no Fire Chief's report as Chief Pete Hodge was unavailable due to illness. There was discussion regarding the action taken by the Spencer Town Council to sign, approve and publish the Ordinance for the purchase of the of a new Pumper/Tanker Truck.

Claims Register: After discussion; the Register of Claims was approved and signed by all Board Members present.

Attorney's Report: Fire Territory Attorney, Terry English, Reporting:

1. The request for Declaratory Judgment is currently scheduled for hearing on August 13th at 1:30 p.m. There is no new information available at this time.
2. Discussion regarding CADGIT funds, the division of those funds and how the division of funds will affect budgets. Town attorney, Richard Lorenz, had been in contact with State officials and has information regarding a formula for the division of CADGIT money. Margaret Tucker suggested that the allocation of the Fire Territory's portion of CADGIT funds should be specifically designated to the Fire Territory at the time it is disbursement by the Owen County Auditor.

Fire Bay at Municipal Building: Director Spinks has had discussions with the Spencer Town Council regarding the use of the bay located at the Spencer Municipal Building. The Fire Territory may not be allowed to use the bay as the Spencer Police Department uses the bay for the collection and inventory of evidence. It was discussed that Cook Urological may be interested in the possibility of housing a truck at their location.

Contract With Owen Valley Firefighters Inc:

1. Director Mike Spinks presented figures for a contract with a breakdown of amounts including allotments for paid staffing and amounts without allotments for paid staffing.
2. Discussion regarding duties and responsibilities for those who would be employed as Engineers. The general Board consensus is that it is too late in the year to be included in the 2008 contract. The Fire Territory Board should begin to plan for the addition of paid staffing at sometime in the future.
3. The Fire Territory Board is currently awaiting response from the Firefighters regarding contract revisions.

Billing for Services Rendered:

1. Discussion regarding billing for services provided. Billing should list the Fire Territory's correspondence and payment address as:
Owen Valley Fire Territory
C/O Town of Spencer
Linda Simmerman, Clerk-Treasurer
90 N. West St.
Spencer, IN 47460
2. The first Fire Apparatus to arrive on scene should be considered to be Command Vehicle and billed as such.
3. Attorney English will review and redraft the letter to be sent with billings.
4. Bills should be presented for payment within 30 days of the fire event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved: September 8, 2008

Mike Spinks, Director

Stephen Cradick, Deputy Director

Margaret Tucker, Board Member

Lois West, Board Member

Dale Bush, Board Member

Tammy Day, Board Member