

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

February 8, 2010 7:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Attorney Terry English, Administrative Assistant Cynthia D. Hyde, Town of Spencer Attorney Richard Lorenz, Firefighter Bruce Lynch, Fire Chief Brian Mauder, and Firefighter John Wallace.

Meeting called to order by Director Mike Spinks at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2010.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Margaret Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Regular Session held Monday, January 11, 2010 as presented, motion carried with minutes approved as presented.

Claims Register / Financials:

1. Fire Territory Board has not yet received a year end reporting for 2009.
2. Fire Territory Board reviewed computer print outs listing claims that were paid.
3. Fire Territory Board Director Mike Spinks has requested a document listing all claims submitted to Spencer Clerk/Treasurer for each month for comparison to the Register of Claims paid. Dale Bush made a motion to approve the Report of Claims Submitted for the months of January and February. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report, Fire Chief, Brian Mauder, Reporting:

1. There have been 18 Fire Runs to date. Training records were submitted by Fire Chief Mauder.
2. Discussion regarding a bill from Towers Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$181.33.
3. Discussion regarding a bill from J & K Communications, in the amount of \$390.25, for repairs that have been made to a 800 MHz radio. The County is planning to seek grant funding from which the cost of this repair could be reimbursed.
4. Discussion regarding information provided for the purchase of an extended warranty program for the 800 MHz radios. Board declines to purchase the extended warranty.
5. Chief Mauder submitted an estimate from Heritage Fire, in the amount of \$2101.76, to replace the Tank Gauges on two of the fire trucks. General consensus of the Fire Territory Board is that they would like to see additional estimates prior to making a final decision.
6. Discussion regarding the fire truck currently being purchased by the Town of Spencer. The final payment should be made in March. This truck currently has a Certificate of Origin and no Title. There have been several unsuccessful attempts to license this vehicle. Director Spinks has asked the Spencer Town Clerk / Treasurer to attempt to obtain a Title and License Plates for this vehicle.

Final Tax Disbursement from December:

Discussion regarding the final Tax Disbursement from December. Discussion regarding CAGIT funds and the Fire Territory Board's intent to include CAGIT funding in the 2011 Budget.

Legal Report Regarding the Owen Circuit Court Ruling on Request for Declaratory Judgment :

Town of Spencer Attorney, Richard Lorenz, reporting. The Court did rule that the Owen Valley Fire Territory is a legal entity entitled to hold property and to conduct meetings according to law. The title to vehicles and land can be properly registered in the name of the Fire Territory. The Attorney General did not appeal the Courts decision. The Fire Territory will need to use caution with regard to continuing to follow all statutory requirement and contracts. The Town of Spencer is the Provider Unit. Having the budget approved by the Town of Spencer may be valuable. There will be follow up on financial record keeping to review the process. Attorney Lorenz is currently reviewing insurance policies for any overlapping policies. Discussion followed regarding the contract between the Owen Valley Fire Territory Board and the Owen Valley Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., and regarding money that was transferred from the Township Trustee to the Fire Territory. There was also discussion regarding payments for the new Pumper/Tanker truck that have already been made. There should be sufficient funding to pay the remaining balance on the new Pumper/Tanker truck, upon delivery, from the 2010 Appropriated Budget.

New Pumper/Tanker Truck; Firefighter John Wallace reporting:

1. Firefighter, John Wallace, provided photographs and information regarding the status of the new Pumper/Tanker truck. Discussion followed.
2. Duling Insurance will provide a 2 hour driver training, including an obstacle course, as soon as the weather is better.
3. The new truck will be used primarily inside Washington Township.
4. A new radio and two antennas will need to be purchased for the new Pumper/Tanker.

Jefferson Street Building: Discussion regarding the use of the Jefferson Street building. The building is currently empty and without utilities. The building will be needed for additional storage when the new Pumper/Tanker is delivered, and will need some work, and utilities will need to be re-connected prior to being used.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2010.

Date Approved: March 8, 2010

Mike Spinks, Director

Dale Bush, Deputy Director

Stephen Cradick, Board Member

Roger Freeman, Board Member

Margaret Tucker, Board Member

Lois West, Board Member