

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**OPEN MEETING – January 27, 2010**

Chairman Dan Schmidt called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. Trustees present were: Mark Huth, Herman Buechler, Charles Staser, Larry Enlow, Earl James, and Bob Ising. Also present was Jeremy Klein, District Fire Chief. There were seven other visitors present.

Chairman Dan Schmidt led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Ising read the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Charles Staser to accept the minutes as read. Earl James seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Staser recommended we read the regular Financial Report at the next meeting. Mark Huth seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2008 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Update**—We applied for \$45,630 and were awarded \$43,349. The new air purification system has been installed for a couple months.

**Tax Allotment Update**—We received our first tax allotment (2008 Paid in 2009) at the end of December in the amount of \$416,309. We have not heard when the next allotment is to be expected.

**Communications**—The current communication infrastructure for the county fire departments is in dire need of upgrading and development of a plan. RCS Communications has been contacted to perform an audit of the current system so that a plan can be developed for the future upgrading or replacement of the communications system. Chief Klein and RCS will present the audit information to the Floyd County Commissioners in February.

**Engine 11**—As reported at the previous meeting, we have been having issues with Engine 11 such as high temperature alarm, exhaust leak, and oil leak. All have been fixed for a total cost of \$3,235.68 which also included a wheel off inspection.

**Fire Prevention Week**—Fire prevention week went well in 2009 by reaching out and teaching approximately 600 kids fire prevention and safety. We received numerous thank you notes and words of appreciation.

**Learn At Every Turn**—We were again asked to participate in this event at Floyds Knobs Elementary. We taught the children the active job of a firefighter and all the different aspects of our job, and that it's not just firefighting but includes haz mat,

extrication, search and rescue, technical rescue, water rescue, public safety, and firefighting. The event went well with a lot of appreciation from the staff and kids.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rescue 1 Repairs**—Rescue 1 was sent to the shop for a wheel off inspection, air leak and oil leak. The truck was repaired and placed back in service. The total cost of repairs was \$2,453.04.

**FEMA Fire Act Grant 2009 Regional Update**—This grant was written for the purchase of radio equipment to be used on the 800 mhz Hoosier SAFE-T system. We currently have some radio communication equipment that is operable on this system however not enough to effectively communicate, meet NFPA standards, and safety measures set forth by OSHA. FEMA has contacted us twice now regarding this grant request. The first time was to ask some questions and the second time was by email with the infamous 10 questions. This is a very good sign. In our past experience we would usually receive notification once they receive the answers back from the 10 questions. The amount of this grant request was for \$876,200 and will be used to purchase the radios and communication equipment. Lafayette's contribution portion of this grant is \$20,940. This is a joint effort between us, New Albany City, Georgetown, New Chapel, and Jefferson County.

**Progress Report**—Chief Klein handed out a list of items the Department has been active on during the past quarter including training, equipment testing, and discussions on membership.

Chairman Schmidt then opened the floor to Board Members and guests for any other New Business. Being none, the Chairman recessed the Regular Meeting at 19:40 so the Board could go into an Executive Session.

At 21:23 Chairman Dan Schmidt resumed the Open Regular Meeting.

Bob Ising then read the minutes of the Special Meeting from January 20, 2010. Charles Staser made a motion to accept as read. Earl James seconded. Motioned carried.

With no further business, Earl James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Herman Buechler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 21:30. Minutes recorded and submitted by Bob Ising, Secretary to the Board.