

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

**OPEN MEETING – October 13, 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 and five other visitors.

Chairman Dan Schmidt led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Ising read the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Earl James to accept the minutes as read. Charles Staser seconded. Motion carried.

Chief Klein went thru the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Year to Date Variances explaining any major differences. Overall we are under budget on expenses. A motion was made by Herman Buechler to accept the Financial Report as presented. Mark Huth seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS REPORT From Chief Klein:**

**Tax Allotment Update:** We finally received our first tax allotment check in the amount of \$399,777.00. This is the first installment for this year and should have been received in June. Prior to the end of August we had been operating on carry over funds from last year and the monthly Cagit tax check that we receive every month in the amount of \$17,722.00. In August we had to take a draw on our Tax Anticipation Loan in the amount of \$100,000.00.

**FEMA Fire Act Grant 2009 Regional – Update:** The amount for this grant was \$876,200 and will be used to purchase the radio equipment applied for use on the system. The total cost for our portion is \$20,940. We will be getting \$104,700.00 worth of communications equipment. Don and Jeremy have been working collectively with New Chapel and Georgetown Fire Departments on getting price quotes to get the most for our money. We will be purchasing Motorola Equipment through RCS Communications. Since the start of this grant some changes have been made. The city had originally intended on purchasing a repeater with their portion of the grant. This repeater was going to be an addition to cover the poor coverage area of the Hoosier Safe T System, which is down around SR111S. Since then New Albany FD is not going to purchase a repeater for the Hoosier Safe T System because the State said they have not allotted any funds for maintaining or upgrading it if it was added. So after meeting with all County and City Emergency Services it was decided to put part of their portion of the grant towards a repeater for Floyd County. It will be a Digital P25 Trunked 800 MHZ 10 Repeater System which will allow for unlimited capabilities compared to what most of us have now. The best part is that it will be owned by Floyd County. With this being done in the future this will also be the start of a merger between City and County Communications which will be the combined communications system we have been trying to get done for years.

**Incident Repairs:** Repairs to the Rescue Truck and Station have been complete from the incident that occurred damaging both.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2010 Budget** - We have several line items that are getting close to going over the line budget or have gone over the line budget. Jeremy made several recommendations and they are as follows:

REDUCE LINE 125 Unemployment to \$0.00

INCREASE LINE 121 Clothing Allowance \$2,000.00 for a total of \$14,000.00

REDUCE LINE 213 Fuel to \$22,000.00

INCREASE LINE 353 \$5,000.00 for a total of \$29,000.00

REDUCE LINE 303 Fire Prevention to \$1,700.00

INCREASE LINE 305 Wellness & Fitness Training \$100.00 for a total \$1,850.00

INCREASE LINE 312 Telephone \$500.00 for a total \$3,400.00

INCREASE LINE 320 Printing & Advertising \$700.00 for a total \$2,900.00

REDUCE LINE 361 Payment on Monitor/Defibrillator to \$6,180.00

INCREASE LINE 353 Vehicle Maintenance \$7,620.00for a total \$36,620.00

**SUMMARY after proposed changes**

LINE 121 Clothing Allowance \$14,000.00	Balance \$2,472.24
LINE 125 Unemployment \$0.00	Balance \$0.00
LINE 213 Fuel \$22,000.00	Balance \$11,935.75
LINE 303 Fire Prevention \$1,700.00	Balance \$370.78
LINE 305 Wellness & Fitness Training \$1,850.00	Balance \$53.00
LINE 312 Telephone \$3,400.00	Balance \$947.15
LINE 320 Printing & Advertising \$2,900.00	Balance \$738.82
LINE 353 Vehicle Maintenance \$36,620.00	Balance \$2,842.85
LINE 361 Payment on Monitor/Defibrillator \$6,180.00	Balance \$6,180.00

Herman Buechler made a motion to move the budget funds to cover other short falls. Charles Staser seconded. Motion carried.

**2011 Budget** - The 2011 Budget for \$864,800 was passed as submitted by the Floyd County Council on September 14<sup>th</sup> at their meeting.

**Computers** - The computers have been upgraded and a server has been added. This will allow better use of programs, increase communications and conserve paper.

**Asphalt Parking Lot** - Jeremy received two quotes to seal all the asphalt at Station One. One quote is \$1,000.00 to just seal the asphalt, the other one is for \$250.00 to mill out and repave an area behind the fire house that is broken up and in need of repair. Charles Staser made a motion to spend \$1,250 to do the necessary repairs and sealing. Bob Ising seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt then opened the floor to Board Members and guests for any other New Business.

Todd Schindler brought up that 3 sets of new turn out gear were destroyed during an airplane crash response cleanup and needed to be replaced. Charles Staser made a motion to purchase 3 new sets. Mark Huth seconded. Motion carried.

Todd Schindler recommended purchasing a snowplow and chains for the mower. Charles Staser made a motion to spend up to \$750.00 for a Snow Removal Attachment for the mower. Mark Huth seconded. Motion carried.

Todd Schindler asked what the status was regarding the Bond Issue for capital improvements. Mark Huth reported that Georgetown got their bond issue approved and were ordering some new trucks and adding to staff. Chief Klein stated there had been a county wide assessment of all the apparatus. Most everything is very old. He suggested we need to look at what our overall needs are. A lot of discussion followed regarding the bond issue for the rebuilding of Station One and trucks.

There was no other New Business so Chairman Schmidt recessed the Regular Meeting at 20:30 so the Board could go into an Executive Session.

At 21:00 Chairman Dan Schmidt resumed the Open Regular Meeting.

With no further business, Earl Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Enlow seconded. Meeting adjourned at 21:00. Minutes recorded and submitted by Bob Ising, Secretary to the Board.