

**Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 1, 2009
7:00 pm**

President Allen called the meeting of the Cornbelt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call, Dr. Ohl absent.

Ordinance 2009A: Motion to approve ordinance 2009A by Mr. Allen; Mr. Hogan seconded; ROLL CALL: All yes, motion passed.

Public Participation:

- Melissa Hogan read a prepared statement – a copy is attached.
- Derrick Odle questioned why the Chief and Assistant Chiefs were not included in the terms. Mr. Allen replied that they work at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees.

2009 Insurance: Agent Clodfelder presented the 2009 insurance statement – up 4.8% over last year. He also delivered a refund as a result of Worker's Compensation reclassification.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Allen moved to approve the minutes as presented of the March 4, 2009 Trustee meeting. Mr. Hogan seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Pike moved to approve treasure's report as presented. Mr. Allen seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes motion Passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Chief Jay presented a proposal for officer terms concerning lieutenants and captains. Copy attachment #2 Mr. Allen made a motion to approve this policy change effective immediately. Mr. Hogan seconded ROLL CALL: All yes. Motion Passed.
- B. The Board of Trustees received a recommendation from the Chief and Assistant Chiefs to promote Lt. Fitzsimmons to the position Of Captain. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All yes. Motion passed.

Chief Report:

- CBFPD has had 253 calls to date in 2009.
- Response vehicle is ordered from Alexi Fire.
- Metcad is still working on paging problems – hope to have it up and running within 2 weeks.
- 6 Additional portable radios have been ordered.
- Overall things are going very well at Cornbelt.
- Chief Jay received a call from Bement Fire Chief Rittenhouse concerning his sister who witnessed Cornbelt delivering emergency medical care to her friend in Mahomet. She stated that she was very impressed and extremely pleased with the courtesy, compassion and caring for the patient and the family.
- In response to a question from Mr. Johnston the Alternative Response Vehicle total cost is \$133,220 per Captain Bill Jay.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm by Allen – All voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Pike, Secretary

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO THE CORNBELT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Chief will be appointed directly by the Board of Trustees. The Assistant Chiefs will be appointed by the Board of Trustees with the consultation of the Chief. All other Fire Officers will be appointed by the Chief and Assistant Chiefs, with the approval of the Board of Trustees. This would include the Captains and Lieutenants.

The Board of Trustees will use its own discretion in making appointment and approvals with no limitations. All Appointees serve at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

The Chief and two Assistance Chiefs serve solely at the discretion of the Board of Trustees with no set terms.

The two Captains serve a term of four years alternating every two years.

The six Lieutenants shall serve a term of two years alternating three each year. Each officer will have the right to reapply for his office at the end of his term.

To prevent any possible conflict of interest, anyone who is involved or employed with any firm or persons having an active contract with the CBFPD, will not be eligible for the office of Chief or Assistant Chief. It will be responsibility of the Chief, to be sure no Officer is placed in a possible conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, in the carrying out of their duties as an Officer of the CBFPD.

All Fire Department appointments will be made by the Chief. (i.e., Training Officer, Safety Officer, Public Relation Officer, Committee Chairpersons, etc.)

The position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Cornbelt Fire Department will be voted on by the membership every three years. See election By-Laws.

By the Board of Trustees of the Cornbelt Fire Protection District

I have read things in the paper and listened to all the negative talk over the past few months and I find it very interesting that all of these concerns about transparency, lack of the budget being made public, and the character attack of the present trustees has occurred only over the past month or so and wasn't a concern 6 months ago, a year ago or 4 years ago.

It seems that these things have come about because the 3 men running for the positions and the person in charge in the background (who has his own agenda) had to try and create something negative to try and get the attention of the public. I find this approach to be downright embarrassing for this community.

The bitterness displayed by some goes back to a situation when 3 firefighters were released from their duties due to not following rules,

which were set up and were to be followed by all and not just a few.

At Sangamon school the children in my class and in the entire school know the rules and understand that they are expected to follow those rules. They also know that if they do not follow the rules there are consequences to their actions.

The 6, 7 and 8 year olds at Sangamon seem to accept their consequences in a more mature fashion than some adults.

One individual finds it very easy to criticize the present trustees without even knowing them. He has made statements about their honesty and integrity to the public. He owes these three gentlemen an apology both verbally and publicly.

I am very disillusioned and embarrassed by the lack of morals and values that have been displayed by some individuals.