

Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 7, 2010
7:00 pm

President Odle called the July 7, 2010 meeting of the Cornbelt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. All trustees were present.

Public Participation: None

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2010. Trustee Bocox seconded the motion to approve the minutes. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bocox presented the treasurer report (attached) List of bills paid in May and June 2010 was submitted for approval. Trustee Koller motioned to approve the Treasurer report and payment of bills, Trustee Pike seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Old Business:

A. Policy Committee Report:

- Trustee Koller reported that it was the consensus of the Policy Committee that the policy regarding appointment of officers remain as it is. The review was a result of the petition presented at the May 5, 2010 meeting.

B. Board Action on Promotion Language:

- Trustee Pike presented a motion addressing changes. The motion: I move the following changes in the appointment process: The Fire Chief; The 2 Volunteer Assistant Fire Chiefs; and the 2 Volunteer Captains will be appointed by the Board of Trustees. The 2 Assistant Fire Chiefs and the 2 Captains will be appointed with input from the Fire Chief. The 6 Lieutenants and Treasurer and Secretary will be elected by the volunteer firemen with the final approval of the Board of Trustees during a regular scheduled monthly meeting. The Fire Chief will finish out his term. The 2 Assistant Chiefs and the 2 Captains will be appointed on a date to be determined next year with one position to be a 2 year

term and the other will be a 4 year term. The terms will be determined by a lottery. After next year the term will be a total of 4 years. The by-laws of the Department's election must be re-written and approved by the firefighters in a written vote and must be approved by the Board of Trustees at a regular monthly meeting. Motion failed for lack of second.

- Trustee Bocox presented a motion: "Therefore be it resolved that the President of the Board appoint two members of the Board to bring a recommendation back to the Board no later than 1 September 2010 which will address the substance of the petitioner's request in a positive manner.

And be it further resolved that the recommendation seriously entertain the following:

1. That the Chief continue to be appointed by the Board
2. That the Assistant Chiefs continue to be appointed by the Chief, with final approval by the board
3. That the Captains and Lieutenants be elected by the volunteers, with final approval by the Board
4. That minimum standards of experience/department membership and training/certification be established for all offices below that of Chief in order to qualify a firefighter for nomination for election or appointment
5. That terms of office and initial election dates be recommended to the Board for action
6. That the internal and public confusion between function and officer status with regard to the Training Officer and Safety Officer positions be rectified by making these functions a part of the responsibilities of two of the lieutenants
7. That the internal and public confusion between function and officer status with regard to the Public Information Officer be rectified by making this function a part of one of the Assistant Chief's responsibilities
8. That the Chief will continue to have the responsibility of making all committee and leadership assignments for all officers and firefighters, with the exception of the Training Officer and Safety Officer assignments, for which firefighters shall be specifically nominated and elected.

Trustee Jeffers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All yes.

President Odle and Trustee Koller were appointed by President Odle to meet and bring a recommendation back to the Board no later that 1 September 2010.

- President Odle asked Trustee Koller and Treasurer Bocox to review the survey and report back at the August meeting.

New Business:

A. Radios

- Trustee Jeffers asked Lt Dave Parsons to present information about possible radio purchases for the budget year. The Board of Trustees noted that the price is within the current budget and would not have to be approved. President Odle suggested that “Firecom” radios be researched.

Chief’s Report:

1. Calls ran to date: 443
2. We have been notified that SVPWD is up and running again.
3. New tanker progress pictures are posted on bulletin board.
4. Jim Zindars had a very serious accident last week at work. He broke his leg/ankle. He could be down for 6-10 weeks.
5. Greg Richardson has resigned for medical reasons. We will miss him as he was a hard worker for Cornbelt.
6. 2282 (Bobcat) was instrumental in a rescue at the Lake of the Woods Park.
7. Ladder 2261 went to Litchfield to repair an electrical problem and was serviced while there.
8. All Hurst tools were serviced and repaired by 5 Alarm here at the station.
9. Thomasboro Fire borrowed our Funeral Drapes for a trustee passing. 2251 with a crew stood by at their station during the funeral.
10. Ladder 2261 flew the flag for the Seymour Fire Department’s 50th anniversary and the 4th of July Parade. 2251 and 2201 were in the parade.
11. 2251 with a crew stood by at Seymour Fire for the fire works on July 3rd.
12. 2281, 2282 and crew stood by for the Fire Works on the 4th at Lake of the Woods.
13. The road construction is going fine. We are able to get the trucks in and out and all is going well. Everyone has been very cooperative.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm by Trustee Pike, seconded by Trustee Koller. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Pike, Secretary

