

**Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 2, 2011
7:00 pm**

President Pike called the meeting of the Cornbelt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. Trustees Jeffers, Jessup, Bonham and Pike were present. Koller absent.

Agenda Modifications: Tr Jessup - Add under "Old Business" – RESPONSE #'s

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes of October 5, 2011 was made by Tr Jeffers 2nd Tr Bonham. ROLL CALL: All Yes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jessup had distributed a summary of accounts. Significant reduction in funds applicable to property acquisition. The closing is complete on the parking lot and we are owners of the parking lot on the east side of Cornbelt. Motion to approve Treasurer report by Tr Jeffers; Tr Bonham 2nd. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Public Comments: Asst. Chief Zindars stated there have been many positive comments on the action of the Board at the October meeting concerning the \$100 Gift Cards.

Trustee's Comments:

1. Tr Jeffers complimented Robin and the committee on the open house. All Trustees present were in agreement.
2. Tr Jessup noted the Trustees have until January 4, 2011 to review the closed session minutes.
3. Tr Jessup represented the Board of Trustees at the last TIF meeting. Tr Jessup gave a brief synopsis of the meeting.

Old Business:

- A. **Update of Policy Committee:** None per Asst Chief Zindars.
- B. **Property Acquisition:** Tr Jessup reported the acquisition is complete.
- C. **Truck Committee Verification Update:** Richard Hungerford, Mike Rogalla and Kelly Dillard present from the committee. The committee has been reviewing the

basics of what they will be looking at with the truck and talked about some of the new technology that is out there that we felt like would be worth looking at. We have a list of things put together and the next step will be to look for trucks built recently and go look at some with options we are looking at on them.

- D. **Fire Chief Update:** Deadline for applications is November 14, 2011. We have 12 applications so far. Screening will be done in closed session during the December meeting. Copies of applications are available for Trustees to review before the December meeting.
- E. **Response #'s:** Concern with slow response or no response to calls. Discussion included possibilities of what might be done to encourage better response. General consensus was that no changes were necessary and Chief will monitor this situation.

New Business:

- A. **2011 Levy:** The 2011 Levy was presented. Chief explained that you can not go over 5% without a truth in taxation hearing but the overriding factor is that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 1.5% and that is all we will receive anyway. There is a \$15,000 add on for new construction. So this is last year's levy with a 1.5% increase and a \$15,000 influx for new construction. Motion to adopt the Levy by Tr Jessup; Tr Jeffers 2nd ROLL CALL: All Yes.

B. **Snow Removal:**

	<u>Lone Pine</u>	<u>Mahomet Landscape</u>
2" accumulation per occurrence	\$150	\$90
Salting per occurrence	\$170	\$125
Removal of deep snow	\$230	\$179

Tr Jeffers made a motion to accept the bid of Mahomet Landscape; Tr Jessup 2nd ROLL CALL: All Yes.

- C. **CD Investments:** Tr Jessup opened the discussion on CD investments when our current CD's mature. General consensus to put the money into smaller CD's rather than one large CD. Look at list of banks – is there one to delete or one to add? How much are we planning to invest? Tr Jessup will send a letter to the financial institutions listed to get an interest quote from each to compare. We are tentatively planning to invest 3 - \$500,000 CD's with time to be determined.

- D. **Assistant Chief Position:** A special Board of Trustees meeting will be on November 16, 2011 at 7 pm. Special Meeting will be published in the November 9, 2011 edition of The Mahomet Citizen.

- F. **Firefighter Stipends:** Firefighter stipends are calculated after November 30 and each Firefighter is paid a determined amount for each call answered and meeting attended during the year. Stipend for 2011 will be the same as last year.

Chief's Report:

- 619 Calls to date
- Open house was a success. Robin did a good job as did the firefighters.
- New law with schools that a fireman is to be present during a fire drill. Our People have been busy keeping up with this and thank you to them all.
- Lader truck was dispatched to Bement yesterday for a fire down town.
- 3 Calls to control burns at Stedam Woods.
- Christmas Program is December 19, 2011.

Tr Jessup made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 P.M. Tr Jeffers 2nd. ROLL CALL: All Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

John Koller, Secretary