

Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 5, 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: President Pike stated the Levy would be discussed and adopted and the Snow Removal Contract would be awarded at the November 2011 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes of September 7, 2011 was made by Tr Jessup; Tr Jeffers 2nd. ROLL CALL: All Yes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jessup had distributed a summary of accounts. Short discussion about CD coming due the end of the year. Treasurer will shop around, general consensus that the Board would like to work with local institutions if possible however high rates will be the first consideration. Motion to approve Treasurer report by Tr Jeffers; Tr Bonham 2nd. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Public Comments: None

Trustee's Comments:

1. Tr Bonham complimented Chief Jay on the call report he prepares monthly, stating the data was important to decision making.
2. Tr Jessup noted there was a lot of work going on around the station in preparation for the annual open house.

Old Business:

- A. **Update of Policy Committee:** Asst Chief Zindars and his committee continue to move forward.
- B. **Property Acquisition:** Tr Jessup reported the Village and Township have approved the sale and we should close on the property soon.

- C. Truck Committee Verification Update:** Richard Hungerford, Mike Rogalla and Kelly Dillard present from the committee. Clarification: Board told the Chief to spec a Rescue Pumper to come back with a recommendation and approximate cost. Committee: We were a little confused on what our charge was. Based upon discussion with the committee and our run order, the general consensus of the Truck Committee was to retain 2257 as a 2nd run pumper and Sell 2251. Discussion: 2257, a 1995 Pierce 15 years old has good visibility, is well liked, easily pumped and compartments are well organized. 2251, a 2000 LaFrance is 11 years Old. It scored lower on ease of use; overall maintenance costs; safety issues and would be worth more in resale or trade-in than 2257. Tr Jeffers stated we are looking at a lot of money. Safety is important however no one has been hurt using 2251. Tr Jeffers also stated a facility upgrade is needed and the money would be better spent on that. In further discussion it was noted that equipment safety is more important than anything else. Everyone agreed. A plan is needed to replace trucks periodically. They have an estimated life of 10 years. We don't want to get caught needing more than one truck at a time. Tr Jessup made a motion to have the truck committee move forward on specifications for replacement of 2251 and bring information back to the Board. 2257 will be moved to back-up. Tr Bonham 2nd. Discussion – The Truck Committee will prioritize options when they come back with specifications. ROLL CALL: Jeffers – NO; Bonham, Jessup, Pike – YES. Motion passed.
- D. Fire Chief Update:** Position is posted on website so they can fill-out the form on line. Posting is also in professional journals. Posting will also be in Sunday News Papers on October 23 and 31st. The News-Gazette, Pantagraph and Southern Illinoisan.

New Business:

- A. 2012 Schedule of Regular Meetings:** The 2012 Board of Trustees meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M. on the 1st Wednesday of each month with the exception of July when it will be held on the 2nd Wednesday, July 11, 2012
- B. Roof Repair:** Roof has been patched, some has been warranty work. After discussion, Lee Jessup made a motion to form a committee with Don Bonham as the Chairman. Don's background would be a great benefit. The committee should seek out a professional to work with the Board, Administration and Firefighters to provide a facility plan with recommendations that will meet our needs now and in the future. This committee would report back to the Board in December 2011 or January 2012 with updates. Tr Jeffers 2nd. ROLL CALL: All Yes.
- C. 2012 Levy:** Chief and Bonnie will prepare the 2012 Levy for the November 2, 2011 meeting.
- D. Snow Removal Bids:** Invitation to bid will be published in the Mahomet Citizen on October 19, 2011 with a deadline of Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Bids will be accepted and approved at the November 2, 2011 Meeting.

Chief's Report:

- 569 Calls to date
- Coloring contest at Sangamon School is complete with a 1st Grade and 2nd Grade winner of the Fire Truck ride.
- 5 Farm related emergencies occurred in the area on 10/4/2011.
- We added 5 new firefighters this week. The Fire Safety Committee under the leadership of Eric Bonham have been very busy with new recruits, school field trips and school fire drills. Great job.
- Open House is 10/6/2011
- Firefighters are doing a great job projecting a positive image to the public – Chief stated he is very proud of our firefighters.

Closed Session 5ILCS 120/2 (C)(1):

Motion to go into closed session at 8:15 pm by Tr Jessup; Tr Jeffers 2nd. Trustees Jeffers, Jessup, Bonham and Pike; Adm Assist. Bonnie; Chief Jay and Asst Chief Zindars.

Board of Trustees reconvened at 9:00pm.

Discussion of action from closed session:

Tr. Jessup made a motion to recognize those that have been able to give more time in calls and training this year, the Board of Trustees have authorized the awarding of a \$100 VISA card to all Firefighters with 20% or over by the end of November. Tr Jeffers 2nd. ROLL CALL: All Yes.

Tr Jeffers made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 P.M. Tr Bonham 2nd. ROLL CALL: All Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

John Koller, Secretary

