

**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2008**

Chairman Clark called the January 8, 2008, meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Jack Clark
Jerry Strange
Andy Downes
Kenneth Hill
Robert Johnson
Henry Ott
Paul Sinclair

Assistant Chief Rick Harrison
Assistant Treasurer Johanna Gabhart
Recording Secretary Myra Curry

The minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Andy Downes made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Jerry Strange. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Henry Ott made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association meeting is January 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M here at Buechel, this is the annual meeting with the Trustees, and everyone is invited.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee/Major Equipment Committee

Paul Sinclair reported the roof has been repaired temporarily. Unit 3735 has to have engine work done and it will cost approximately \$10,000. It has to be fixed due to a large number of hours on the engine. Discussion followed.

Budget Committee

Jerry Strange provided a six month report on the budget. It appears that real estate increased 3% and the vehicle taxes are up 1.5%. Jerry Strange suggested we pay back the \$100,000 we borrowed from the bank. Assistant Treasurer Gabhart will call the bank and see what the pay off is and write a check.

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Personnel Committee

Henry Ott reported there are several issues and would like to have a Personnel Committee meeting Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 A.M. One of the issues to be addressed is the cell phone issue and the federal government has passed legislation covering volunteers, but not paid employees.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported the Chief is doing very well, and once both his doctor as well as the Districts releases him, he can report back to work.

Steering Committee

Bob Johnson discussed the by-laws. A copy will be provided to Mr. Benson for review.

LOSAP

No report

Strategic Management Planning

No report.

Training Academy

Assistant Chief Harrison reported a committee decided to discontinue the position of the Executive Director. Also the Academy has received a grant from the Fire Commission for \$78,000 to build a multi-purpose building. Chief Schmidt has been tasked with this project. Discussion followed.

Metro Safe and CAD System

Assistant Chief Harrison reported everything has been updated for us to return to station dispatch, they will be doing testing this week and once it has been tested and it works; we will be returned to station dispatch status.

EMS

Assistant Chief Harrison emailed Dr. Richmond and asked him to wait until Chief Yuodis was back to duty to meet with Buechel. He also reported EMS will be doing training on any updates; this will be done for all three shifts January 16, 17 and 18, 2008 from 08:00-10:00 at the firehouse.

Ordinances

Assistant Chief Harrison reported there was nothing new on ordinances.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Clark appointed a Nominating Committee, Paul Sinclair is Chair and Jack Clark will also serve on the committee. The term for Firefighter Representative Andy Downes and the Appointed Trustee Henry Ott expires on June 30, 2008.

Paul Sinclair stated several individuals have approached him and wanted to know if the department or the trustees could do something for Steve Wolfe on his involvement with the Explorers. Chairman Clark asked Paul and Myra to get something together.

Paul Sinclair reported the Banquet will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Andy Downes wanted to know if we could put some of our money in a certificate of deposit. Jerry Strange stated our money is in a CD and we sweep out the money we need.

Andy Downes asked about applying for grants to purchase a new fire truck. Assistant Chief Harrison reported we applied for a FEMA Grant for a fire truck but it was rejected. Discussion was held on the different businesses that have grants that can be applied for. Assistant Chief Harrison stated Chief Yuodis applied to Councilman Kramer's office for 2 AED's and we received them. Assistant Chief Harrison stated we have applied for a number of grants throughout the year. Discussion followed.

Andy Downes asked how many council districts do we have? Assistant Chief Harrison stated we have a portion of 6 council districts and a small part of a 7th one. Discussion followed.

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he and Chief Yuodis will look into a HUD Grant, this is based on a percentage how many HUD properties are in your district. Discussion followed.

Paul Sinclair suggest we approach Lowes and/or Wal-Mart about getting us an AED to be kept at the fire house, other departments have gotten items from different business. Discussion followed.

Chairman Clark commended Assistant Chief Harrison on the excellent job he is doing on filling in, in the Chief's absence.

Andy Downes asked about the financial statements and wanted to know if credit card bills could be put with the financial statement. Andy made a motion to put the credit card bills with our financial statement each month, seconded by Henry Ott. Motion carried.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported on the Chief's monthly report.

Chairman Clark reported he and Jerry Strange would not be at the February meeting, Henry Ott will conduct the meeting.

Andy Downes made a motion for the March meeting to begin at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

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Andy Downes made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 P.M., seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Ott, Secretary
Buechel Fire Protection District

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M.