

BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2011

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 5:01 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Jack Clark
Jerry Strange
Kenny Hill
Jack Miller
Henry Ott
Steve Wolfe

Chief Jonathon Yuodis
Assistant Chief Rick Harrison
Counselor Robert Benson
Recording Secretary Myra Curry
Bookkeeper Jeannie Saylor

Chairman Clark welcomed Barbara Cannon who will be running for Property Owner Trustee against Maria Bowles.

A motion was made by Jack Miller, seconded by Steve Wolfe to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark turned the meeting over to Counselor Bob Benson for election of officers. Jack Miller made a motion to leave all of the officers the same, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

Henry Ott asked to go into Executive Session. Without objection Chairman Clark declared Executive Session at 5:10 PM. Back from Executive Session at 5:20 PM.

Chairman Clark welcomed Sgt. Bryan Buckley to the meeting.

The financial report was reviewed. Henry Ott made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, seconded by Jerry Strange. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Jefferson County Trustees Association meeting is June 16th at PRP Station on Greenwood Road at 7:00 P.M.

Chief Yuodis reported we collected \$56,751.82 for the Crusade for Children; this is about \$3,000 less than last year. Because of Okolona and Camp Taylor's donation last year's we won the Jim Walton Award for last year, we will have the trophy for one year. Everything went very good at Crusade we had an alternator on 3735 go out and Jack Miller had one lined up and installed within an hour.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds/Major Equipment

No report. Jack Miller asked about the gas smell in the hall. Kenny stated it was the water heater in the mechanical room. Assistant Chief Harrison stated the water heater has been checked with the meter and it is okay and we are monitoring it.

Budget

Steve Wolfe stated the paper work has been completed and has been filed.

Personnel Committee

Chairman Clark stated while they were in Executive Session they discussed the Pat Staudenheimer issue and no action was taken. Henry Ott reported on the hiring of the firefighter. They interviewed three candidates and the committee selected Kelly Sergent, he has been a part of Middletown Fire Department at different levels and he is physically fit, he is an excellent candidate so the Committee recommends the Board to hire him in the position of firefighter. Jack Miller made a motion to hire Kelly Sergent as firefighter, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried. Assistant Chief Harrison stated he notified him that pending the approval of the board tonight he would be offered the probationary position. He will start next Monday, June 13, 2011 on the 1st Platoon with Captain Riggle, Sgt. Sharber and Firefighter Riggs, he will come in Thursday evening to be fitted for gear and fill out required paper work. Henry Ott stated the other two candidates were Mike Abel and Graham Goff; they will be on the list for one year.

Steve Wolfe asked about the other two candidates that did not interview, he wanted to know if they would be on the list also. Henry stated they will be on the list but in the event we have a vacancy we will interview the top person off of that list to get back to three candidates.

Chairman Clark asked about the Chiefs medical issues. Henry Ott stated the Chief has received his fit for duty and he is back on regular duty.

Steering Committee

No report

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No report.

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Technology

Assistant Chief Harrison stated we have received the server application and are still waiting for the upgrades for the computers the order has been processed and they should be shipping it to us. The order has already been processed and we have already been invoiced so he is assuming they have already been shipped. Henry Ott asked if we had budgeted for the LOJIC charge. Assistant Chief Harrison stated yes and that we use it a considerable amount.

Strategic Management Planning

No report

Nominating Committee

Kenny Hill reported everything is ready for the election. Mrs. Bowles and Ms. Cannon's paper work has been taken care of. Chairman Clark stated you will be here for the election on Saturday, June 25th from 11 am to 2 pm. Kenny stated he and Jerry Strange will be here.

Jack Miller stated someone asked him a question about the election and the firefighters voting in the property owner election and they want to know if they can vote by absentee ballot. Chairman Clark stated no not for property owner election, we allowed for the firefighter election but not property owner.

Chairman Clark stated he guessed the reason being was because there were so many of them voting in the firefighter election and very few of them would vote in a property owner election so we went ahead and allowed so the Tuesday night before the Saturday election everybody votes by absentee ballot for firefighter rep. Jack Miller stated and nobody shows up on Saturday.

Training Academy

Chief Yuodis reported the new addition to the all purpose building the roof is on and the walls are in the process of being completed. The grass cutting is continuing. Chief Yuodis stated each member of the academy has a duty week and they rotate taking care of the grass. Chief also stated the road has been asphalted.

MetroSafe & CAD System

Chief Yuodis stated we are still having a few problems with the automatic back-ups, which are being worked on; sometimes we get them and sometimes we don't. Assistant Chief Harrison stated what we have been told so far is it is the triage of the calls and depending on how it is

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called in. Chief Yuodis stated our firefighters are familiar with our district and they know when we are supposed to get an automatic back-up so even if it doesn't call for it they will call for it over the radio and have them start our back-ups. This is something we are working on. Chairman Clark asked if this is county wide. Chief Yuodis stated yes it is.

EMS

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he just got word we have a new Q/A officer, Mr. Michael Will, who has taken over for Heather Palmer and we have the contact information for him to update and send our AED run information from our defibulators and administration of albuterol, when used. Discussion followed.

Ordinances

Assistant Chief Harrison stated the fireworks ordinance is being sponsored by Madonna Flood, it has been assigned to the Public Safety Committee of the Council, so far they have had two meetings at which Mr. Ott has spoken and represented us very well in order to debunk the fireworks lobbyist claim about no deaths and injuries from consumer fireworks. The Council Chair, Mr. Peden, is going to have a special meeting so we can get it passed or denied before the 4th of July holiday.

There has been a lot of dissention between the Democrats and Republicans about the tax revenue they think we are losing because we are trying to regulate fireworks the Class 1.4G stuff that goes up in the air, we are trying to get it back to where it was in the past years; those that were considered safe-and-sane fireworks that would be the only ones sold in Metro Louisville. Discussion followed.

Chairman Clark wanted to go back to the nominating report; he asked Henry Ott if he had heard anything on him being reappointed by the Mayor. Henry stated he has not heard anything.

Chairman Clark reported Chuck Bauer and Randy Lawson had a meeting with Mayor Fisher and the Mayor said he was not going to be re-appointing anybody to any fire board in the Metro if the individual did not live in the district or had served three terms on the board, which of course would leave Henry out. Chairman Clark stated he has protested this. There is a list of three people that did not fit his criteria, Tom Eifler who is the Chair of St. Matthew and a former commissioner and connected to the Democratic Party in Jefferson County, John Flood the husband of Madonna Flood, who is a council woman and Henry. At the last council meeting Mr. Eifler was not re-appointed, they just appointed somebody that was unknown to St. Matthews and John Flood was not appointed.

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If that is the case we will lose Henry, then next year we will lose Jerry Strange and the following year he (Jack Clark) will not be re-appointed. When they did not appoint Eifler and Flood, Henry did not come up in that meeting. Chairman Clark stated Bob Benson has talked to the Mayor and of course Mo has talked to the Mayor and stated that Henry needs to stay on the board for a number of reasons.

Cadet Program

Steve Wolfe stated we have four members, three are active and one is on suspension for grade issues by her guardian. Two of the three were here for Crusade and one was out of town. Some of our former cadets want to do the Inferno again this year; some of the other departments have contacted us to see if they can help financially now that Crusade is over. We will get started on this project next week.

Grants

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he emailed everyone the email he received when the 2010 grants ended at week 23 and they ran out of money so our grant was not funded. He is already in the process for the 2011 grant cycle, he viewed an online workshop for the FEMA grant today; he has everything prepared except for the narrative and they have changed the format for the narrative this year. There will be workshops scheduled from May through July, and he would attend one locally if available. We submitted for last year's grant in late May so it is probably going to be the end of August when the grant will be due since the workshops are scheduled through July of this year, we are ready to submit one for the 2011 grant. Two weeks ago he attended a Grant Workshop in Elizabethtown sponsored by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and we are eligible, based on some changes in their criteria this year to apply for a grant and the deadline is June 24th. We will be submitting a grant for MDT's (Mobile Data Terminals, computers in the trucks) and/or associated equipment. We already have the MDT's but not the mounts and we can apply for the mounts, hardware and equipment to connect them in the cabs as a cost of about \$3,800.

The other thing we could put in for but is not likely to be funded based on the workshop that we attended is an emergency generator. They were the focus two years ago after the Ike weather incident and the ice storm. That may be something we can apply for next year as this would be a big generator for the entire fire house and selected based on an engineer's evaluation.

Chief Yuodis stated he has been working with Chief Fredrick on a generator grant. Chairman Clark stated we had one that Garland Miller got and asked if we still had that one. Chief Yuodis and Jack Miller stated we still have that generator.

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Chief Yuodis stated he reported several months ago about the neighborhood grant for 2 – RAD57 monitors these have been received at a cost \$6,024 each. They will monitor the carbon monoxide level and pulse and will be used for firefighters in rehab for their oxygen level. Someone will be coming in to do training on these over the next few months.

Health Insurance Board

No report.

Legislative Report

Chairman Clark reported Buechel and 3 others have pledged money to support a lobbyist, and that this will be a topic tomorrow night at the Executive Board meeting of the Trustees Association. Buechel has pledged up to \$1000, Pleasure Ridge Park and Jeffersontown have pledged \$2000 each and there is 1 more. This was supposed to start in May and go through the session to the end of April of next year. We have not received an invoice because not all of the districts have pledged any money for the lobbyist.

Jessica Halladay - Courier-Journal article.

No report. Chief Yuodis stated he has been looking in the paper and he has not seen her name in the paper. Steve Wolfe stated any article in the paper that is on a fire it has her name on the article.

FEMA – Stump Removal Appeal

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he sent an email to Jessica this morning and he received an email back this afternoon and she stated she contacted FEMA again requesting an update and she expected a reply in 90 days.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Monthly Report.

Chief Yuodis stated on the report there is a vehicle accident where his car was struck in the right back quarter panel, this apparently happened in a parking lot and he did not know about it until one of the guys asked him about it. Jerry Strange made a motion to approve the Chiefs Monthly report for May 2011, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

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Chairman Clark stated that Tony Downes' grievance was discussed and they took no action that was one of the things that was discussed when they were in Executive Session.

Henry Ott made a motion to adjourn at 6:12 P.M., seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Ott, Secretary
Buechel Fire Protection District

NEXT MEETING JULY 5, 2011 AT 5:00 PM