

**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2008**

Chairman Jack Clark called the March 4, 2008, meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

The minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Andy Downes made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Paul Sinclair made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Andy Downes. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association meeting is April 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M at the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department on Greenwood Road.

Chairman Clark commended Paul Sinclair and his crew on the great banquet.

Bob Johnson has a new email address it is [loucardfan@hotmail.com](mailto:loucardfan@hotmail.com).

Rick Harrison announced this Saturday night Jessie Sattich will have his Eagle Scout ceremony here and has invited everyone. Also Jessie, who is a recruit, has enlisted in the Marines and will be going to Boot Camp on August 25, 2008.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

Building and Grounds Committee/Major Equipment Committee

Paul Sinclair reported that the fence on the side of the firehouse is leaning and we have another leak in the roof.

Andy Downes asked for a report on the asbestos on the floor. Paul Sinclair gave a brief explanation of the repairs completed to date and reported on the estimate for further repairs; Chief Yuodis stated Paul went through Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District for guidance to make sure we were doing everything safely on the asbestos and we are.

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#### Budget Committee

Jerry Strange stated the bulk of income on property and real property taxes have been received and everything is in line with the budget projections.

Chief Yuodis asked the Personnel Committee to schedule a meeting to get the budget ready.

Andy Downes stated the fire house will be paid off in February 2009, in order to answer questions from some crew members.

#### Personnel Committee

Henry Ott stated they need to schedule a meeting to set the budget for the personnel costs. Because of budget restraints we need paid employees to turn in what they project their tuition reimbursement cost for the next fiscal year.

Henry Ott reported on the drug testing policy the committee has been working on. There will be a 30 to 60 day introduction for the members to become familiar with it and allow for our provider to educate everyone as to the testing process. Also reported that James Riggs has asked if the fire department would be willing to sponsor some runners for the mini-marathon (2 part-time, 1 volunteer and 2 full-time employees) for a total of \$250. Henry Ott made a motion for \$250 to sponsor runners in the mini-marathon, seconded by Kenny Hill. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

#### Steering Committee

Bob Johnson stated the committee is close on the by-law revisions; there are a few items, such as dates that need to be changed. Bob explained about updating the by-laws. Also, on the NFPA standards, they want to meet with the personnel committee to see if these need to be incorporated in the budget process.

#### LOSAP

Kenny Hill stated the census has been sent in, but the bill has not been received for this year. Kenny provided a brief explanation of the Length of Service Award Program. Firefighters become vested after five years of service and when they reach the age of 62 they will begin to receive the retirement benefit. Discussion followed. Anyone that leaves the fire department needs to make sure that they provide a current address for them, so benefits can be distributed when they become eligible.

#### Strategic Management Planning

Henry Ott explained about the survey and they are still working on the information.

#### Nominating Committee

Paul Sinclair stated a letter is posted on the board for anyone wanting to run for firefighter trustee position. Letters will go to the firefighters, with the name of nominees 30 days prior to the election with all of the information about the election, which is in June. Discussion followed.

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#### Training Academy

Chief Yuodis reported there is group interested in saving the Floyds Fork area, which is part of the bottom land at the training academy. Several groups have shown an interest in 13 acres, but no one has contacted the Academy with an offer. The academy has not been approached with an offer at this time. Discussion followed.

#### Metro Safe and CAD System

Assistant Chief Harrison reported he sent an email requesting a report on the status of being changed back to station dispatch; hopefully we will hear something in the near future.

#### EMS

No report

#### Ordinances

No report

#### Plaque for Steve Wolfe

Paul Sinclair stated the plaque was presented at the banquet on Saturday night.

#### Grants for AED at Lowe's

Chairman Clark asked Paul Sinclair about this. Paul Sinclair stated they are looking at alternatives to grants on an AED to hang in the firehouse. Paul has met with Jack Miller on trying to find other ways to fund our current equipment needs in addition to our budget process and other items we need. Discussion followed.

Rick Harrison stated he received a packet from Wal-Mart for their "Neighbor-hood" grant program and wants to know what we should apply for. Discussion followed.

#### Explorer Post

Rick Harrison reported we have a new explorer, for a total of 13 Explorers. Rick Harrison stated he received an email from the Chief on the Mayors 2008 Youth Workers Award, and he has nominated Samantha Bishop and Steve Wolfe. Also the Explorers are getting ready for Scout-A-Rama that will be held the end of March. Jordan Duncan was selected as the 2007 Explorer of the Year and has excelled in his leadership position.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Clark reported he and Chief Yuodis went to Frankfort on House Bill 503, concerning the tax cap. The bill was voted out of committee and was going to the floor for consideration then it will move to the Senate. This will allow an increase on real and personal taxes if passed. If approved, we would prepare a proposal that would then go to the Metro Council for approval and creation of an ordinance. Chairman Clark

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Chairman Clark stated we had to borrow money last year to pay our bills; and hopefully this bill will be well received by the House and Senate and provide us the opportunity to increase our tax rate. Discussion followed.

Chief Yuodis informed everyone the Southeastern Chief Association Conference will be in Louisville in 2010.

Chief Yuodis went over his monthly report.

Henry Ott asked about the credit card bill and wanted to know what account these items came out of. Jerry Strange stated the numbers after the names are the account numbers.

Paul Sinclair made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 P.M., seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Ott, Secretary  
Buechel Fire Protection District

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 1, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M.**