

**HINCKLEY COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
MINUTES**

The September meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hinckley Community Fire Protection District was called to order at 7:00PM on September 17, 2008 by President Nehring.

Roll call showed Nehring, Wassmann, and Bark present.

Also present was Fire Chief VanLanduyt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Bark requested the minutes be clarified to include the money source for the temporary medics being hired to cover shifts in October. The change was made, and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Bark asked Treasurer Wassmann if it was working well having Kim Richardson keep the books. Wassmann stated that it is working well, with a few minor inconveniences.

**Old Business**

VanLanduyt asked the Board about getting Lts. Sleezer and Navalany gift certificates for their extra work in getting the old tanker ready for refurbishing, and for finding a buyer for the old tank. The Board agreed.

VanLanduyt reported that contact has been made with three paramedics for coverage for next month and the shifts should all be covered.

Several months ago, VanLanduyt presented the Board with a repair estimate of \$1,200 for repairs and preventive maintenance to the big copier. He was instructed to get quotes for a new copier at the time. Price are now in. The best looking offer is from Gordon Flesch Company, for a Cannon imageRUNNER 2800 copier. The outright price is \$4,700 or a 36-month lease for \$148/month. VanLanduyt reported that this copier is a little slower than the current one, but will staple, sort, enlarge and reduce. This is all we need. The Board discussed the different purchase options. A motion was made by Bark to purchase the copier outright for \$4,700, and accept the maintenance agreement at \$0.011/copy. Seconded by Wassmann.

Nehring: Yea

Wassmann: Yea

Bark: Yea

Motion carried. VanLanduyt would make the necessary phone calls.

Nehring asked the Board what their thoughts are regarding landscaping. Should we do all, some, or none? A lengthy discussion ensued. It was agreed by consensus that the entire \$10,000 quote would be too much for us to do all at once. There is also quite a bit more in that quote than the Board felt necessary to make the property more attractive. VanLanduyt pointed out that the Fire Department Association would like to buy a tree in memory of Kathy Hiland. Bark advised that he would also like to buy a tree, and will match the Association's tree. It was finally decided to meet with Justin Stiles again and ask him to pare down the original quote, and to add the two

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trees mentions above.

Wassmann brought up that the monthly premiums for VanLanduyt's health insurance are going to go up. Do we want to change his coverage. Doubling the deductible from \$250 to \$500 will result in saving about \$15/mo. Going to a \$1000 deductible will save about \$30/month. It was decided by consensus to leave the coverage where it is.

Wassmann announced he had received the annual mortgage payment reminder in the amount of \$85,777.01.

### **New Business**

VanLanduyt advised the Board that there are two sets of turnout gear that need to be replaced. He asked if the Board will still honor the traditional split on the cost of gear with the Association. The Board agreed.

The alternator in Ambulance 1851 had to be replaced over the weekend. The old unit was rebuilt at Mars, Inc., in DeKalb at a cost of \$289.

VanLanduyt asked the Board about the split regarding the membership with the Southern Kane County Training Association for use of the burn tower and training facility. The annual cost is \$3,000 and this had been split with the Association in the past. Bark asked how many times we had used the facility last time. VanLanduyt reported that we had used three opportunities in the burn tower. Wassmann asked what the facility offered that we will not be able to do in the training building we have built. VanLanduyt reported that basically the only thing we couldn't do in our building is burn. Bark made a motion against paying for the training center. Seconded by Wassmann.

Nehring: Yea

Wassmann: Yea

Bark: Yea

Motion passed. The membership will not be renewed.

VanLanduyt stated that one of the new firefighters has a detailing business with a couple of friends. They are offering to detail the fire trucks at a cost of \$100 per unit. The Board was not receptive to this idea.

Nehring asked VanLanduyt about the sign for the front of the building. We are waiting for a price from Lasswell Masonry for posts to hold the sign. Wassmann stated he remembered

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getting a price of nearly \$5,000 some time ago. Nehring instructed VanLanduyt to get a couple of decorative wooden posts and get the sign installed.

VanLanduyt pointed out that state law requires the Board of Trustees to provide a pension plan to all full-time employees of the Fire District who are involved in firefighting and rescue operations. Nehring asked VanLanduyt to contact a lawyer familiar with the process to get prices and contact info. VanLanduyt stated he had been in contact with the Fire Chief in Montgomery, who had recently gone through this process, and would call the lawyer he recommended. He is Shawn Flaherty of Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, & Gilbert.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_