

Minutes of **Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Trustees Meeting**
Held on **December 22, 1999**

The Board of Trustees of the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District met in regular session on the above date at the Office of the Trustees, 400 Main St, Clay Center, OH 43408.

Attendance:

Trustees: Jack Bower, Scott Everhardt, Don Hoeft, Jack Willard **Clerks:** Bill Nissen & Sonia Eischen
Others: Marilyn Opfer, Martin Jenkins, Bob Leonhard, Dennis Hartman, Bruce Moritz, Ken Pettit, Eileen McLear, & Michael Cairl

Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes from the meeting held December 8, 1999 were read. Don Hoeft moved, second by Jack Willard, to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Alternate Trustee Eileen McLear will represent the **Village of Genoa** as an **alternate trustee**.

Temporary Funding Update:

- ◆ The fire chiefs from each station have proposed that their respective associations contribute \$250.00 each toward temporary funding. This will be presented at their business meetings.
- ◆ Information is still being gathered toward initiating a contract with each political subdivision for a designated amount in support of temporarily funding the district.
- ◆ In all cases, receipts will be maintained and a "good paper trail" will be established.

Proposed Ballot Language was finalized and approved for delivery to the Board of Elections, along with the associated Resolutions.

Legal Documentation: Bill Nissen provided an update on the status of acquisition of a federal ID number, a bank account, and a phone number. We are awaiting application forms from various government agencies.

Letterhead: The design for the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District letterhead was approved. We will wait until we have a phone number to include, and funding, before we send it for printing.

Public Education Groups: **Bruce Moritz** discussed the public relations committees that have been formed and the proposed format for the public education programs. A sample flyer was distributed for review. The Genoa High School computer classes will assist in the development of a power point program and will operate the power point projectors at the public education sessions.

Other Business: **Bruce Moritz** suggested that a short press release explaining the need for a levy would be beneficial after we file the levy request. In anticipation of this suggestion, a proposed release was developed. With only minor changes to the content, the trustees agreed to provide the press release to the *News Herald*, *The Press*, and *The Toledo Blade*. A second press release was developed to identify the members of the Board of Trustees.

Denny Hartman informed that he will be attending a Benton Township Trustees meeting to address any concerns and/or misconceptions that they may have as to their status. He suggested that the public information flyers identify Benton Township as a contracted response area even though they are not a part of the joint fire district. **Scott Everhardt** offered to attend the meeting with Denny to speak on the behalf of the trustees.

The next meeting will be on January 27, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, **Jack Bower moved** to adjourn. **Second by Jack Willard. Meeting adjourned** at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Eischen, Assistant to the Clerk