

Minutes of **Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Trustees Meeting**
 Held on **January 27, 2000**

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.

The roll was called by Chairman Scott Everhardt.

Attendance:

Trustees: Jack Bower, Scott Everhardt, Don Hoeft, Jack Willard **Clerks:** Bill Nissen & Sonia Eischen
Others: Marilyn Opfer, Dennis Hartman, Bruce Moritz, Bob Leonhard

Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes from the meeting held December 22, 1999 were read. Don Hoeft moved, second by Jack Bower, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Consultant's Final Report: Bob Leonhard, Consultant, explained the format and the content of the final report addressing the feasibility of starting a joint fire district. Bound copies were available for each trustee. Copy on file.

Temporary Funding Update/ Political Action Committee:

Bruce Moritz, Bill Nissen, & Scott Everhardt, via the county prosecutor, determined that a Political Action Committee must be formed in order to receive funds for activities prior to the vote on the levy. Friends of the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District was formed. Sonia Eischen, was appointed Treasurer. The Political Action Committee is separate from this group. The Allen-Clay Joint Fire District will not accept any receipts nor pay expenditures prior to the March 7TH decision of the voters.

Change in Meeting Dates: Due to a conflict on the 4th Thursday of February, it was agreed that **the February meeting will be held on the 17th at Allen Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.** Conflicts also exist several times throughout the year on the 4th Thursdays, therefore it was decided to change the dates of the regular meetings. **Don moved, Jack Willard seconded, that future regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the office of the trustees, 400 Main St., Clay Center.** The Assistant Clerk will ensure these changes are published in *The Press*.

Public Education Groups: Bruce Moritz distributed a schedule of presentation times and dates, along with the hard-copy power point program to be presented to the public.

Legal Documentation: Bill Nissen provided an update. The Articles of Incorporation have been written. We have 15 months from organization to file all papers. A \$500.00 fee is associated with the application for tax-free status, therefore, it was agreed that this application not be filed until after the election, when we have confirmation whether or not the district will be funded.

Other Business: Denny Hartman suggested an updated press release to include the new meeting dates. Scott volunteered to develop a release and to get it to the appropriate media outlets.

The next meeting will be on February 17, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Allen Township Hall.

There being no further business, **Jack Bower moved** to adjourn. **Second by Don Hoeft. Meeting adjourned** at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Eischen, Assistant to the Clerk