

Minutes of **Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Trustees Meeting**
Held on **November 8, 2001**

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.

Chairman Scott Everhardt called the roll.

Attendance:

Trustees Scott Everhardt, Lee Yackee, Jack Willard, Eileen McLear **Clerks:** Bill Nissen & Sonia Eischen **Fire Chief:** Bruce Moritz **Others:** Marilyn Opfer, Dennis Hartman, Dan Johnson,

Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes from the meeting held October 11, 2001 were read. Jack Willard moved, second by Eileen McLear to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Public Concerns (by order of signatures): **Denny Hartman** reported that members and officers at his station are concerned with the manner in which the house purchase was made. They feel that it was done too secretly, and the deal was done by the time they heard about it. The big concern is that this will be a precedent for how business will be conducted in the future. **Scott Everhardt** explained that, since the Board only meets once a month, decisions have to be made when the group is together. Also, it is common knowledge that we have been looking at assorted properties. Since we did not want competition on the purchase price, we did not advertise our interest in the property.

Fire Chief's Report: Copy on file.

Lee Yackee moved, second by Jack Willard, to approve hiring Rob Cashen and Kathy Cashen as volunteer firefighters/EMTs at the Genoa Station pending successful completion of physicals and background checks.

Danny Clayton has fulfilled hiring requirements and is now a probationary firefighter.

Clerk's Report:

- The October financial statement was reviewed and signed.
- The **SUV payments are \$755.74 per month.** Insurance is in place through VFIS.
- The **house payments are \$1829.00 per month for 15 years.** The property is insured through VFIS for \$220,000 and the contents are insured for \$50,000.
- Utilities, inspections, and assorted items to ready the house for use are in progress.

Fire Board Trustees' Business & Reports:

For the record, after offers and counter offers, **the final purchase price for the property at 3155 Genoa Clay Center Rd was \$205.00.** Although the Ottawa County Regional Planning Director and the Ottawa County Prosecutor do not think that a political entity needs to apply for zoning variances, in order to ensure that proper procedure is followed, we are making an application for a zoning use variance at 3155 Genoa Clay Center Rd for use as a fire district place of business, paramedic quarters, and training center.

The Allen-Clay Joint Fire District reorganization meeting for 2002 will be held on December 13, after the regular meeting.

The proposed amendment to the by-laws was again discussed. Scott Everhardt is still of the opinion that a conflict of interest exists if a Fire Board Trustee is also working for the fire district as a firefighter, EMT, or paramedic. Lee Yackee agreed. The decision should be made at the reorganization meeting.

A sample form for employee evaluations was reviewed.

Letters were sent to Genoa Bank and to Genoa Savings and Loan for consideration for a **depository contract.** Their proposals will be reviewed at the December meeting at which time a decision should be made.

Eileen McLear moved, second by Lee Yackee, to approve up to \$7000.00 for a concrete floor for the pole barn, with two bids sought for consideration.

Jack Willard moved, second by Eileen McLear, to approve up to \$7500.00 for office and bedroom furniture.

Bills Presented for Payment:

Bills presented for payment tonight = **\$5813.18.** November expenses to date = **\$27,604.86.**

Scott Everhardt moved, second by Eileen McLear, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on **December 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Trustees, Clay Center. Scott Everhardt moved, second by Jack Willard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Eischen, Assistant to the Clerk

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