

Minutes of **Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Trustees Meeting**
Held on **October 11, 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:** Mark Padley, Cindy Molnar, Keith Henninger

Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes from the meeting held September 13, 2001 were read. Jack Willard moved, second by Eileen McLear to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Special Guests (by appointment): Cindy Molnar, Coldwell Banker Cavalear Realtor, presented information on the property located at 3155 Genoa Clay Center Rd. At 7:47 p.m. the Board entered executive session to discuss the merits of purchasing this property as a District office and paramedic quarters. At 8:06 p.m. the Board returned from executive session.

Eileen McLear moved to offer \$190,000 for purchase of 3155 Genoa Clay Center Rd., contingent on successful financing. Mr. Lee Yackee seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Molnar wrote the offer to be presented to the owner for review. All parties signed.

Public Concerns (by order of signatures): None

Fire Chief's Report: Copy on file.

Eileen McLear moved, second by Jack Willard, to approve up to \$12,000.00, payable to Breathing Air Systems, to upgrade/rebuild the air compressor & fill station unit. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Chad Hartman has fulfilled hiring requirements and is now a probationary firefighter.

Lee Yackee moved, second by Scott Everhardt, to approve up to \$4000.00, payable to American Trade Mark Company, for purchase of a Personnel Accountability System. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Bruce presented a letter, written to the Benton Township Trustees, clarifying the coverage area of our contract with them and our legal and moral obligation to respond, even if the dispatcher tones the wrong department. Bruce Winters, Attorney, and Jim Lucas, Ottawa County dispatch, are copied on the letter.

Clerk's Report:

- The September financial statement was reviewed and signed.
- An audit of the 3rd quarter occurred.

Fire Board Trustees' Business & Reports:

Scott discussed the need to set a date for a 2002 reorganization meeting after the upcoming election. The By-laws and policies, as well as other business, should be reviewed at that time. One point to consider, from a conflict of interest standpoint, is whether a Fire District Board Representative should also be able to serve as an employee of the district (firefighter, paramedic, EMT). Keith Henninger voiced a strong opinion that it should not matter, and that there would not be a conflict of interest.

Scott discussed the need to implement a system of employee evaluations.

Scott presented a comparison of interest yields and rates from assorted banks and savings and loan institutions. As of this date, the rates of interest to us are: **15 year Mortgage – Genoa Bank 7.5%; Genoa Savings & Loan 7.0%. Vehicle – Genoa Bank 6.75%; Genoa Savings & Loan 6.75%.** His contention is that we should use the institution that provides us the better deal financially along with providing good service.

Bills Presented for Payment:

Bills presented for payment = **\$46164.05**. Lee Yackee moved, second by Eileen McLear, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on **November 8, 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 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Eischen, Assistant to the Clerk

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