

Minutes of **Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Trustees Meeting**  
**November 14, 2002**

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** Darryl Bittner, Scott Everhardt, Frank Sturniolo, Jack Willard **Clerks:** Bill Nissen & Sonia Eischen **Fire Chief:** Bruce Moritz **Others:** Karen Ripma, Marilyn Opfer, Mike Benadum, Dennis Hartman, Lowell Hartman,

**Approval of Previous Minutes** Minutes from the meeting held October 10, 2002 were read. Darryl Bittner moved, second by Frank Sturniolo to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Public Concerns ( by order of signatures):** None.

**Guests by appointment:** Karen Ripma, Great Lakes Billing, provided an overview of EMS billing services that they currently provide to us, along with suggestions for future services in the area of collections.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Copy on file.

Bruce offered his personal thanks to Lowell Hartman for all his help during renovations to make the administrative offices ADA compliant.

**Fireman's Charity Fund:** Jack Willard moved, second by Scott Everhardt, to approve paying the annual Fireman's Charity Fund with one check issued from the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District. The clerk will then invoice each station for their portion of the bill. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Identification Cards:** Frank Sturniolo moved, second by Darryl Bittner, to purchase picture identification cards for all fire district members through the Ottawa County system at a cost of \$2.00 per card. All voted yes. Motioned carried.

**Clerk's Report:**

- The October financial statement was reviewed and signed.
- The Benton Township Trustees have accepted and signed **the Benton Township EMS and Fire Services Contract** for the period **January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004.**
- The 2003 VFIS Insurance Premium will be \$24,681.00, an ~ 12% increase.
- The VFIS Accident & Sickness Policy premium will remain the same for 2003 at \$1,955.00.

**Fire Board Trustees' Business & Reports:**

**Signs:** Scott expressed his disappointment in the signs that we purchased. Bruce has spoken with Tim from the solid waste district. Tim will meet with us to listen to our comments and attempt to resolve any issues.

Assorted options to light the driveway entrance were discussed. A pole exists immediately across Genoa Clay Center Rd, Bruce will call Chuck Dewitz, Toledo Edison, to see what is involved in getting a light.

At 8:25 the Board entered executive session with the EMS Coordinator, the Fire Chief, and the Station One Chief to discuss personnel matters. The Board returned to regular session at 9:00.

**Bills Presented for Payment:**

**Bills** from October **totaling \$62,875.46** were presented for payment. xx moved, second by xxxx, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

**The next meeting** will be on **December 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.** Frank Sturniolo moved, second by Darryl Bittner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Eischen, Assistant to the Clerk

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