

Minutes of **Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Trustees Meeting**
Held on April 10, 2008

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, 3155 N. Genoa Clay Center Rd, Genoa, OH 43430

Chairman Scott Everhardt opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance & called the roll.

Attendance:

Trustees: Darryl Bittner, Don Hoeft, Jack Willard, Scott Everhardt **Fire Chief:** Bruce Moritz, **Fiscal Officers:** Don Murray & Sonia Eischen, **Others:** Jim Hogan, Gaylord Sheldon, Chris Sheldon, Keith Snider **Excused:** Dennis Hartman

Approval of Previous Minutes Minutes from the meeting held March 13, 2008 were read. Darryl Bittner made the motion, second by Jack Willard, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Public Concerns (by order of signatures): Jim Hogan invited the Board to the Spring banquet on April 19.

Gaylord Sheldon stated that Station #3 had an interesting month. They voted not to have the Genoa Homecoming this year because of the concern over the liability of sponsoring a beer tent. Gaylord posed the question of liability at other events sponsored by the fire associations at which beer is sold, i.e. the reverse raffle, the feather party, etc. He cited other examples of liabilities, and then questioned where the trend would lead. He suggested that we might be becoming overly cautious or too sensitive toward taking risks. **Scott Everhardt** posed the thought that the alcohol-selling vendors in Genoa should sponsor the beer tent, since they are in that line of business. **Gaylord** stated that the vendors in Genoa did not want the responsibility either. **Scott** stated that it is unfortunate that the perception is that fundraisers can only be successful if beer is involved. He is in favor of reducing the District's exposure to liabilities by restructuring our philosophies.

Fire Chief's Report: Copy on file.

Darryl Bittner made the motion, second by Don Hoeft, **to approve hiring Norman Maix** as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for Station #1. He has successfully completed hiring requirements. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief's Report: Copy on file

Clerk's Report:

- The March financial statement was reviewed and signed.
- An audit of 1st quarter business was conducted.
- Great Lakes Billing has purchased a new EMS billing system through Zoll Data Systems called RescueNet.
- Securian Dental rates will increase May 1st.

Trustee Reports:

Scott Everhardt summarized his negotiations with Alltel/MD7 regarding a possible communications tower on District property. Currently, we do not think the terms being offered by Alltel are favorable to us. The Alltel/MD7 negotiator will discuss our conditions with his organization.

Discussion was held regarding Workers' Compensation injuries vs. injuries incurred during social events/fundraisers at the stations. Recently, a firefighter was injured while cleaning-up after a social association event. The District does carry supplemental insurance that may apply in this case. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation, upon first review, has rejected the claim because the firefighter was not "on the clock" and was not receiving wages.

Bills Presented for Payment:

Bills from March, totaling \$77,586.39, were presented for payment. Jack Willard made the motion, second by Scott Everhardt, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Scott Everhardt made the motion, second by Jack Willard, to adjourn. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____, Chairman

Sonia Eischen

