

**CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2011**

The Cass County Fire District 1 (CCFD1) Board met at 7:30 p.m. at the Cass County Fire District 1 at 1441 Holland Street. In attendance were Sherman Kantzer, Mike Simms, and Bridget Enyeart. Meeting was called to order by Sherman Kantzer.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2011, were corrected to reflect board member, Mike Simms, correct spelling of his last name. Mike Simms made a motion that we accept the meeting minutes. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Report was given by Bridget Enyeart. Checking account balance is \$1,601.70; CEDIT fund balance is \$6,081.24; savings account balance is \$177,927.01 Mike made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

No bills were presented at the meeting for payment. No new disbursements were reported.

MOWING

Cass County Community Corrections will mow for Cass County Fire District 1, every 10 to 14 days at no cost to the District.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS

The Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department contract was signed and filed with the rest of the contracts. We are currently missing Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department's contract. Mike Simms will make contact with Royal Center to obtain a copy of the contract so that funds can be disbursed before June 15, 2011.

SELLING AND TRADING OF VEHICLES/ACQUISITION OF SKID FOR GRASS TRUCK

Discussion was held regarding the Ford F350 and sale of the 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Board member Bridget Enyeart asked Kyle Anderson of New Waverly Fire Department if he had a proposal to submit regarding switching our Ford F350 in exchange for New Waverly's Ford F350. Kyle proposed CCFD1 use New Waverly's 2004, single cab F350. This vehicle has a short wheel base which could respond more effectively to grass fires than Cass County Fire District's Ford F350, which has a much larger wheel base and large floatation tires. Kyle explained the larger wheel based vehicle could potentially become stuck in the fields when responding to a fire. New Waverly's truck could be converted by simply purchasing a skid to properly accessorize the vehicle as a grass truck. New Waverly's intention is not to swap title of vehicles, just swap the vehicles. We currently have a four year contractual obligation with New Waverly Fire Department. Anytime a truck is out of service at CCFD1, New Waverly Fire Department equips us with a replacement vehicle to provide ample protection. If Cass County Fire District 1 does not maintain a relationship with New Waverly Fire Department, the vehicles would be switched back and the skid on New Waverly's truck would be removed and given back to Cass County Fire District 1. Cass County Fire District 1 could purchase a used skid for \$5,000 to \$6,000. A new skid purchase could be between \$11,000 and \$13,000 depending on how the skid is equipped. Tom Knepper, Eel Township Trustee suggested utilizing a website that specializes in selling used fire equipment in order to locate a used skid.

Mike Simms suggested we take the 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee to dealerships and get an estimated value of the vehicle before we sell the 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Mike Simms made a motion that we swap our Ford F350 with New Waverly's single cab F350 to use for a grass truck and to sell the 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Bridget seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. New Waverly Fire Department can switch vehicles at any time. Kyle Anderson volunteered to have an off duty fireman get two estimates of the 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee so we can obtain a value on the vehicle.

After selling the Jeep, there will still be a deficiency balance regarding the purchase of the skid for the grass truck. Sherman indicated that Former Cass County Council President Ralph Anderson declined to allow us to use CEDIT money for the purchase of a lawnmower for Cass County Fire District 1. Discussion was held that a skid is actual fire equipment and CEDIT money can be used for that purpose. Bridget volunteered to approach the Cass County Council to seek approval of this expenditure if necessary, from the CEDIT Fund to equip the grass truck. Kyle Anderson indicated that he could make contact with another county council member if needed. Sherman Kantzer indicated if we had the ability to sell the vehicle, we could make phone calls between us to sell the vehicle and could complete this before the next meeting.

SAFER GRANT

Safer Grant was written last year by Jason Lemons, since CCFD1 paid for this grant, Sherman Kantzer requested that we have a copy of this grant in our files. This grant was for 2 additional employees and would fund salaries at 100% the first year 2 years each shift per day, 75% at year three, 50% at year four, and 25% at year five. Grants are still being awarded every Friday until the fund runs out of money. This grant was written to establish salaries to employ EMT and paramedics for ambulance service within Cass County Fire District 1. To date, talks with Logansport Memorial Hospital and the Cass County Commissioner has been suspended while the County acquires information regarding the costs associated with current ambulance runs and how much revenue has been collected in the past for ambulance service. If CCFD1 were approved for the grant today, we would have to decline the grant due not having a contractual agreement with regard to ambulance service with Cass County or Logansport Memorial Hospital.

SEAL DEVELOPMENT

Submission entries were passed out at the April 7th meeting. A selection was made from Lewis Cass, Student #14. Mike Simms made a motion to accept this design as our seal for stationary. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Mike Simms is going to take the seal design to local businesses to see if we can get a good raised letter seal indention. Kyle Anderson indicated he would get shirts for the four designs we did not select. Mike and Rex are going to take care of the \$100 savings bond for the winner.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP JOINING THE CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1

Discussions continue to be held regarding Miami Township not joining Cass County Fire District 1 in 2011. Miami Township could not join due to time constraints, DLGF, and advertising. Miami Township obtained approval for an emergency service loan for approximately \$150,000. Miami Township committed to turning that money over to the Cass County Fire District along with its budgeted appropriation for fire protection. The Report of Financial Projections for the townships used this revenue in its projected budget for Cass County Fire District 1 for 2011. Cass County Fire District 1 agreed to contractual services with New Waverly Fire Department, based on the total revenue commitment by Miami Township. Sherman Kantzer asked Kyle Anderson if Miami Township and New Waverly Fire Department would be willing to credit Cass County Fire District1 with the lost revenue. Kyle agreed to consult with his constituents at New Waverly Fire Department and produce a written contract indicating the reduction before the disbursement of funds to New Waverly Fire Department on or before July 15, 2011, for the contractual obligation between Cass County Fire District1 and New Waverly Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget I. Enyeart, Secretary
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