

**CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The Cass County Fire District 1 (CCFD1) Board met at 6:42 p.m. at Cass County Fire District 1 Station at 1441 Holland Street, Logansport, Indiana. Meeting was called to order by Sherman Kantzer. Bridget Enyeart present.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2011, were reviewed. Sherman Kantzer made a motion to accept the minutes. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. ***Motion passed 2-0.***

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report was given by Bridget Enyeart. Checking account balance is \$8,942.86; CEDIT fund balance is \$6,081.24; savings account balance is \$90,398.03. Sherman Kantzer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. ***Motion passed 2-0.***

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Disbursements for September were to **Peters Municipal Consultants, PC for consulting services regarding 2012 budget, annual report for 2011(08/01 through 08/31), and cumulative fund; Indiana Medical Group for Proof of Publication/Advertising; Logansport Municipal Utilities for hydrant fees, and Dick Dilling for the monthly building contract obligation.** Sherman Kantzer made a motion to approve all claims for the month of September. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. ***Motion Passed 2-0.***

DITRICT SEAL DESIGN WINNERS

The bond for the seal design winner, Maddie Keisling from Lewis Cass has been purchased and will be mailed to Sherman.

Skid for Grass Truck

Kyle Anderson indicated they have located a new skid. The cost will be approximately \$8,700. The skid is a 13 horse pump, 200 gallon from Illinois Fire Store. Sherman Kantzer made a motion to approve the purchase of the skid. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. ***Motion Passed 2-0.***

Miami Cass REMC Roundup Award

Sherman Kantzer applied for Miami Cass REMC Roundup grant to be used towards the purchase of a skid to create a grass truck for CCFD1. CCFD1 was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,600 to be used towards the purchase of the skid. Bridget filled out form requirements and returned those forms to Miami Cass REMC. Sherman Kantzer wrote Jim Yeats of Miami Cass REMC a letter thanking them for the grant award and reviewed that letter at the meeting.

Contractual Agreements for 2012

Kyle Anderson and Bridget Enyeart met Mr. Larimore of Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department to see if CCFD1, could work out an exchange of service agreement with Georgetown. At that meeting, Mr. Larimore indicated that we would need to speak with Jefferson Township Trustee, Gary Miller. Georgetown indicated that they would like the trustee to pay CCFD1 for help during the daytime instead of CCFD1, cutting our contract with them. A meeting will be set up in the near future to negotiate the contract.

Kyle will check with Lucerne (Harrison Township) regarding run counts through the end of the year to see if we can enter into an exchange of service agreement for extrication calls. Sherman asked Kyle to contact Lucerne to see if we can work out an agreement. Sherman indicated we could reduce the original contract

by \$1,000 next year and adjust 2013 figures based on runs for 2012. Kyle suggested contacting Mr. Mussleman to find out how many calls require extrication equipment and reducing the contract by \$250 per run. Once CCFD1 can figure out a run count we can base our contract for next year on the runs from the previous year. We will then contact Kathy Cree, Harrison Township Trustee to see if we can negotiate the price.

Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department is still having problems with their internet. They have requested that CCFD1 board mail them a copy of last year's contract. Bridget will make a copy and mail it to them. Twelve Mile indicated verbally they are willing to keep the same contract from 2011 for 2012.

Royal Center has tabled their discussion regarding our contract until November. They want to establish an estimated run count for 2011, and adjust the contract accordingly.

Due to the additional possibilities of fire contracts and the possibility of additional runs for CCFD1, it was decided to hold off contract negotiations for 2012 with New Waverly and Miami Township until the other contracts have been negotiated.

Sherman Kantzer spoke with Jim Mayhill of Washington Township. Mr. Mayhill requested that our contract with Washington Township remain the same. Mr. Mayhill also indicated that a hydrant will be installed at Kent Feeds and has requested us to provide a copy of our liability insurance in order to access the hydrant. Kyle Anderson indicated he would make a copy and send it to Dave at Kent Feeds.

CCFD1 Board discussed having a Contract Committee to assist the board in negotiating all current and possible new contracts for Cass County Fire District 1. Sherman Kantzer made a motion to appoint Kyle Anderson and Tom Knepper to spear head the committee. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. **Motion Passed 2-0.**

Letter of Submission

Tammy Merriweather, DLGF, sent CCFD1 a copy of the Proof of Publication of Notice of Submission and the Auditor's certificate of no remonstrators of the Fire Cumulative Cap Fund.

Public Hearing on Tax Levy

A public hearing will be held by the Cass County Council at 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2011. This hearing is to review CCFD1's 2012 budget. Jeff Peters of **Peters Municipal Consultants, PC**, indicated that a hard copy of the budget was sent to the Cass County Auditor at the beginning of August and a faxed copy was sent again today, September 15, 2011. The Cass County Auditor indicated she never received a copy to distribute to the Cass County Council. The Cass County Council indicated that they will probably table reviewing the budget since they have not had time to review it. CCFD1 met all requirements regarding Budget preparation and publication notice. Discussion was held regarding 2012 income and disbursements. Passing of the 2012 budget was not formally placed in the minutes. Sherman made a motion that the CCFD1 board vote on the budget for 2012 as written. Bridget seconded the motion. **Motion Passed 2-0.**

Public Comments

Discussion was held regarding the new highway, access roads and the Hoosier Heartland Corridor and how that would affect CCFD1. A letter from Dave Shepler was read on the record regarding his concern for fire protection and taxes for CCFD1. Mr. Shepler requested a copy of the 2012 budget which was published. Board member Sherman Kantzer took the 2012 Budget to his business for his office staff to copy.

Next Meeting Date

Discussion was held regarding scheduling the next CCFD1. Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 20, 2011, at 1441 Holland Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget I. Enyeart

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Secretary