

**CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The Cass County Fire District 1 (CCFD1) Board met at 6:30 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 July 28, 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 \$15,349.82; general fund balance is \$4,443.58; CEDIT fund balance is \$6,081.24; savings account balance is \$96,349.30. 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 August were reviewed to include **Thrasher, Buschmann, & Voelkel for legal assistance; Peters Municipal Consultants, PC for consulting services regarding 2012 budget, annual report for 2011, and cumulative fund; Indiana Medical Group for Proof of Publication/Advertising; Logansport Municipal Utilities for hydrant fees, Community State Bank savings bond for Seal Design Winner; and Dick Dilling for monthly contractual obligation.** Sherman Kantzer made a motion to approve all claims for the month of August. Bridget Enyeart seconded the motion. ***Motion Passed 2-0.***

DITRICT SEAL DESIGN WINNERS

Seal design winner was Maddie Keisling from Lewis Cass. We have now obtained all of the winner's information to purchase the savings bond. There will be a few minor changes to the seal design.

Skid for Grass Truck

Kyle Anderson indicated that the firemen have been looking for a used skid. Kyle indicated that a new skid would start at approximately \$9,000. Kyle will continue to actively look at locating a skid at a reasonable price.

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 will fill out form requirements and return these forms to Miami Cass REMC.

Contractual Agreements for 2012

Currently we have received one contract for services from Harrison Township. Lucerne (Harrison Township) may be interested in entering into an exchange of service agreement for extrication calls. Sherman asked Kyle to contact Lucerne to see if we can work out an agreement. Kyle indicated that most departments will probably want to look at run counts through the end of the year before entering into a new contract.

The district would like to have all contracts for 2012, secured by November 1, 2011. 2013 contract should be secured by May 1, 2012, in order to prepare for 2013's budget. Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department

needs a copy of last year's contract. Bridget will upload a scanned copy to Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department's email.

It was discussed that we would contact Mr. Larimore of Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department to find out what kind of coverage they need. It is hopeful we can enter into an exchange of service agreement with them. Kyle Anderson indicated that any additional services CCFD1 would provide to outlying areas, could potentially affect the contract with New Waverly Fire Department. Expenses such as manpower or fuel charges would increase due to meeting run obligations.

Notice of Submission from the DLGF

The DLGF sent us a letter of submission regarding the Cumulative Fund requesting us to advertise. The CCFD1 has advertised as requested. Taxpayers have 30 days (after 9-8-11) after publication submission to remonstrate against the cumulative fund. Once the Cass County Auditor has certified that no taxpayer objects to the cumulative fund; additional paperwork can be forwarded to the DLGF.

Resolution to Reduce Additional Appropriation

Since Miami Township did not join CCFD1, New Waverly Fire Department issued a credit to the district for their second half payment in the amount of \$174,000. Peters Municipal Consultants recommended we sign a resolution to reduce the additional appropriation by \$174,000. Sherman Kantzer made a motion to adopt the resolution as written. Bridget Enyeart seconded. Members signed the resolution. Bridge will mail the resolution to Dan Jones, the Assistant Budget Director at the DLGF. ***Motion passed 2-0.***

Form 100-R Public Employees

Sherman had this form prepared and submitted it to the State Board of Accounts. This form had to be filed before the DLGF can approve tax rate and levies. This is regarding employees of CCFD1. We currently have no employees of CCFD1, only contractual service obligations.

Public Hearing on Tax Levy

A public hearing will be held by the Cass County Council at 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2011. This hearing is to review CCFD1's 2012 budget. The final adoption hearing on the budget will be held on Friday, Sept 16, 2011.

Public Comments

Questions were asked by public members on specific numbers regarding the budget. Budget figures were given as well as our tax rate request for 2012. Sherman indicated that we may have to ask for additional funds next year.

Discussion was held regarding ideas for alternate water sources in the county. When considering alternate water sources, fire trucks need to have a cleared driveway to get to the source (this includes during the winter).

Next Meeting Date

Discussion was held regarding scheduling the next CCFD1. Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 15, 2011, at 1441 Holland Street. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget I. Enyeart

Bridget I. Enyeart,
Secretary

