



Tigerville Fire Department
Minutes of Commissioner Meeting - January 14, 2010

Chairman Ken Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Ann Trammell, John Harris, Ken Ward, Reggie Ecarma were also present. Bobby Richardson was absent. Commissioner-elect Steve Pasternack was present.

- I. John Harris gave the invocation.
- II. Mr. Mark Tollison, attorney for Greenville County swore in the newly re-elected commissioners, Ann Trammell and Ken Ward and newly elected commissioner Steve Pasternack.
- III. Mr. Tollison spoke to the Commission about its role and responsibilities to the Tigerville Fire Department and the citizenry the fire department serves. An outline of the presentation is attached.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2009 were approved after a motion by Beth Ledford, seconded by John Harris approving a change in the minutes to put quotation marks around "her" in the paragraph about Teresa Cawley and the GO Bond discussion. All commissioners except Steve Pasternack approved the change. Steve Pasternack was not at the December meeting.
- V. Public Comment - there was no public comment.
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Beth Ledford moved and Ann Trammell seconded approval of the Treasurer's report. The Commission approved the report unanimously.
- VII. Election of Officers:
 - Chairman: Ann Trammell was elected Chairperson.
 - Vice-Chairman: Reggie Ecarma was elected Vice-Chairman.
 - Reggie Ecarma moved the positions of Secretary and Treasurer be combined and held by one person for a one-year trial. The motion passed with all commissioners voting aye, and John Harris abstaining.
 - Secretary-Treasurer: Steve Pasternack was elected Secretary Treasurer.

VIII. Chief's Report:

- Chief Ledford reported that call volume for 2009 was up 69% compared to 2008.
- There were 32 calls in December: 14 medical, 6 fire, 7 MVAs and 5 service calls.
- All personnel completed and passed their physical exams.
- Engine 2 was damaged responding to a call. Repairs cost \$702.60. Parts were ordered directly from the manufacturer to avoid the mark-up from a vendor. An insurance claim was not filed since after discussion with four commissioners it was decided that with a \$500 deductible, the savings of about \$200 was not worth the possible offset in an increase in the Department's insurance premium.
- Engine 1 had a mechanical failure. David Sentell donated diagnostics from Boswell Circle. The Commission agreed to send a thank you letter to Mr. Sentell. Steve Pasternack will follow-up with Ann Trammell. The failed turbo was replaced in station. John Harris assistance helped save 5% of the turbo's purchase price and maintain a 1-year warranty on the part. Total cost was \$2,342.06
- Because of ongoing problems with the Department's reporting software, Chief Ledford changed vendors resulting in a better system at savings of \$100 per year.
- Working with Chief Riebe of Glassy FD and Chief Norris of Lake Cunningham FD, a draft of an ordinance to create a joint training district is being developed. The chiefs are planning to meet in January to review the draft.
- There is now a policy and procedures manual in place (and online at the Department's website) for all Fire Department employees.
- Donations are being solicited for a new washing machine. If a donation is not found, a used one will be purchased.
- Conversations with Chief Kelley of North Greenville FD resulted in the identification of a potential new health insurance underwriter that may provide better insurance rates.
- Hose testing and hydrant maintenance was completed for 2009.
- Replacement of the broken ice machine is on hold due to the truck repair costs. Quotes for an ice machine are due next meeting.

- IX. New Business: Ken Ward raised the problem with the Department's radios inability to pick up signals in parts of the area. Tigerville FD's radios operate on VHF frequencies. Most fire departments in the county are converting to the better UHF frequencies. New equipment would need to be purchased. Chief Ledford is trying to facilitate a contribution from a local company seeking to replace the company's old UHF communications system.

Regardless, there is a need to resolve the problem with our present system. Discussions are being held with the county since the problem is not with TFD's radios, but perhaps the signal from the County.

- X. Old Business: Chief Ledford reported that he was able to move the loan payment to Kansas State Bank to next month, without any penalty. Originally the payment was due January 11 and is now moved to February 11 without late fees.

- XI. A motion by Reggie Ecarma and seconded by John Harris, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Steve Pasternack, Secretary-Treasurer