

**MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

Present: President William Haas, Treasurer Kenneth Blank, Secretary Robert Hennessy, Trustee Kenneth Lenz, Trustee Craig Warning, Chief Ted Golden, Assistant Chief Howard Stephens, Administrative Secretary Nancy Feigel

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the 1/11/11 minutes. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Lenz, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to pay the monthly bills as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Robert Hennessy thanked all those who participated in the recent Station 3 Open House for Smith Crossing residents.

Ken Lenz commended the administration and staff for the preparations and pre-plan for the 2011 blizzard.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The next item will be to work on the budget once the numbers are received from the County.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Letters received this month from the following:

- A thank you letter was received from East Joliet FPD for assistance on a box alarm.
- A thank you card was received from Connie Eskoff for the plaque received for her retirement.

Newspapers articles this month:

- Articles were published in the Mokena Messenger for the opening of Station 3 and the winners of the essay and coloring contests.

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for January.

Chief Golden gave an overview on the recent blizzard. Prior to the blizzard, meetings were held with the Village, Police, ESDA and Dispatch to formulate a plan. Extra personnel were on duty at each station. Thank you to Lt. Kavanagh for providing the use of his pick-up with plow and FF/PM Dreger for his snowmobile. We responded to four storm related incidents. Due to the National Guard patrolling I-80 with the State Police we did not respond to that area at all. We also provided sleeping arrangements and food for the National Guard at Station 2. We have compiled our cost for this blizzard for possible reimbursement from the government.

Chief Golden attended a meeting regarding the Tax Increment Finance District. To date, no business has taken advantage of this; however, we have received \$175.74 from Will County for the 2009 levy tax distribution from the Village of Mokena TIF.

A letter has been sent to McClure and Associates requesting reimbursement for the excess funds paid to them in Worker's Compensation payments.

Will County 9-1-1- grant has extended the re-allocation surcharge. If approved, our share will be \$16,000.00. We would use these funds to purchase a laptop and docking station for the squad, mapping program and GPS amplifiers. Grant money of \$750.00 from Enbridge would also be used for this.

The Board has no objection to Chief Golden attending the Center for Public Safety Excellence's 2011 Excellence Conference from March 8 -11.

Chief Golden has contacted a representative from Danville, Illinois, regarding the radio interference we have been experiencing, requesting them to turn down their frequency, to no avail. The next step will be to file an official complaint with the FCC.

There was no objection from the Trustees to purchase the following budgeted items: RIT Pack for the pumper and a Genesis Power Unit and Combi-tool for the squad.

We have taken delivery of the new Silverado 2500 pick-up truck. It has a plow and salt spreader. We received it the day of the blizzard.

Eight Customer Satisfaction Surveys received in the past month were shared with the Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the POC sleep-in report for January.

The Board reviewed the February training calendar.

The following personnel have received certificates this month for State Certified classes: The State has changed their certifications and are eliminating firefighter 2 and 3 and replacing them with Basic Operations Firefighter and Advanced Technician Firefighter. They are allowing 5-years to get these new certifications.

- Basic Operations Firefighter – Ted Golden, Howard Stephens, Todd Newton, Jim Cresto, Tim Boomsma, Marcie Hoag, Joe Cirelli, Kevin Lenz, Mark Rojek, Joe Shefcik, Rick Campbell.
- Advanced Technician Firefighter – Howard Stephens, Jim Cresto, Todd Newton, Tim Boomsma
- Swift water Technician – Howard Stephens, Todd Newton
- Fire Department Incident Safety Officer – Jim Cresto
- Associate in Applied Science, Emergency Medical Services – Marcie Hoag

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

Mike Laney
Joe Cirelli

IPELRA Law Seminar
CPSE - Fire Officer Designation

The Trustees reviewed the January public safety reports.

A request has been received from the Will County Supervisor of Assessment Office requesting to man a table at our Senior Luncheon with information regarding senior exemptions. The Trustees agreed that information can be set out on a table; however, no representative will be there.

STATION 3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The next draw has not been received. It will be reviewed at the March meeting.

REVISED PURCHASING POLICY APPROVAL

Chief Golden went over the changes to the current purchasing policy. Some of the vendor accounts have been updated. The major change is that purchase orders will be required for EMS and Fleet Maintenance Officers for any purchase over \$500.00.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to approve the Purchasing Policy as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates on health insurance are going down 1%; however, dental is increasing 12%. We did get other quotes on dental, but BCBS is still the cheapest. Overall, our rates will remain the same.

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve the Health Insurance renewal. Motion passed with all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary:
Nancy Feigel