

The Board of Trustees of Shawnee County Fire District #1 met in regular session at Silver Lake City Hall on Thursday, August 13, 2008, with the following board members present: Chairman Mike Killion, Gene Wichman, Leonard Wonnell, Walt Stolle, and Tom Noble. Also present were Chief Joe Hawkins, Tex Doebele, Marilyn Sommers, Erma Harden, Dorothy Root, and Arlin Kirkwood.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held July 9, 2008. Wonnell Moved and Noble seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Board reviewed the bills paid since last meeting. Wichman moved and Noble seconded to approve the bills paid. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Hawkins reported the number of 2008 calls to date as 151. 171 calls were reported as of this date in 2007.

Old Business:

Taking of minutes was discussed and Killion volunteered to take the official minutes. Marilyn Sommers offered suggestions on how she recorded the minutes for Silver Lake Township.

New Truck Update: Chief Hawkins reported the builder was correcting a problem with the axles at their expense. It should be completed sometime in September. He also reported he has received calls of interest in purchasing the old truck. We will accept bids until 5:00 p.m. September 10th.

Ambulance Update: Hawkins reported the ambulance was at Ellsworth Correctional Facility and had been sanded and was ready for primer.

Grove Building Update: Wonnell reported the conditional use permit was approved by the planning commission on August 11, 2008. It will be on the Board of County Commissioners agenda for their approval on September 4, 2008. He distributed a copy of the site plan. He also had a bid from Alvin Crow for the building. Other bids are still expected. Township is working on funding arrangements, which will include a long-term lease by the Fire District. The Fire District approved participation in an amount not exceeding \$165,000 at the March 2008 meeting.

Wonnell also invited board members to the annual Grove Picnic on September 7th.

Menoken Building Update: Hawkins reported members were working on brochure to be mailed to residents of the district. The Election Office was preparing mailing labels. Percolation tests were completed. He will meet with engineers about possible changes to site plan.

Budget Update: In a meeting with the County Clerk's Office, our budget for 2009 was set at \$380,334. Our mill levy will be 6.948. District 2008 budget was \$426,036, which included carryover funds for the new truck.

Stolle moved that we earmark the ½ mill increase in the 2009 budget for building fund. Wichman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Use of Equipment: Hawkins was asked to explain the use of the Department's ATV. He said it was used in fighting grass fires, for snow removal, and to assist other agencies in emergency operations.

Wichman moved to limit snow removal with the ATV to driveways and parking areas around Fire District stations and adjoining sidewalks. Stolle seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Patron question: Tex Doebele asked why we have 2 paid staff working the same shift. Hawkins stated that during the daytime is when we are short on manpower. Tex also asked if we could publish calls in the paper.

Wichman moved and Wonnell seconded to adjourn. Carried