

Minutes of the Franklin Township Board meeting March 3, 2010

Members of the Franklin Township Board met on March 3, 2010 at the Wellsville Fire Station as announced. The agenda included normal business items. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. Eldon Radda, Gene Harris, Robert Thomas and Rick Souders were present.

Floor was opened for general Township public comments, and there weren't any.

The minutes from the February 3, 2010 meeting were not available due to the absence of Tim O'Dea. Minutes will be read at the April 7, 2010 meeting.

Treasurer's report was given by Gene Harris:

- Fire Fund Balance - \$53,500.82
- General Fund Balance - \$24,994.59

Eldon moved and Gene seconded to approve the Treasurer's report; motion approved.

Fire Chief's report was given by Robert Thomas:

- Board members were presented with the monthly runs and activity report. There was 1 medical assist, 1 vehicle fire, 2 structure fires and a CO2 detector call in the last month.
- Roster changes: Two firefighters were dropped, two were added. Willie Ward was hired by the City of Emporia and will be unavailable during his training. After training, he will be on 24 hour shifts and will be available to Wellsville Rural Fire on his off days.
- Hose dividers were installed on Truck # 3752.
- The following new Purchase Requests were presented to the Board:
 - #FR021010 – 3 Leather structure boots; 3 Ben II structure helmets; 3 Helmet shields – Cost: \$1,395 – Vendor: Jerry Ingram Fire & Rescue.
 - Robert is requesting the same items from the City of Wellsville and Miami County RFD # 1.
 - #FR021110 – 1 structure pants – Cost: \$620 – Vendor: Jerry Ingram Fire & Rescue.
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 - #FR020710 – 1 case of grass mask filters; 2 grass masks; 1 storage bay for grass mask – Cost: \$370 – Vendor: Jerry Ingram Fire & Rescue.
 - Robert is requesting the same items from Miami County RFD # 1.

Under old business:

- The following previously tabled purchase requests were discussed:
 - Radios – Robert reported that Wolf Communications has provided a radio manufactured by Swissfone for the Department to test. It is less expensive than the Minitor radios currently used.
 - #FR010910 – 1 spare pump for grass units – Cost: \$1,950 including shipping – Vendor: Westheffer
 - The Board tabled this request and will include it on the KFS grant application.
 - #FR020110 – 1 air bottle fill station and 2 cascade cylinders – Cost: \$8,104.26 including shipping – Vendor: WEIS Fire Equipment
 - Robert indicated that this can wait until the end of the year.
- The Board discussed the possibility of applying for a 2010 grant from the Kansas Forest Service. This was initially discussed at the February 3 Board meeting.
 - Robert indicated that he would like to pursue the grant for a spare pump for the grass trucks and possibly a skid unit.
 - Eldon will complete the grant application and work with Robert on the items being requested. Application is due by March 31.
- Eldon shared an update from FEMA. The closeout report for our grant is still being reviewed and they will contact Eldon when their review is complete.
 - Robert asked if we should begin working on a Federal grant for 2010. Eldon said yes. Robert will meet with his officers later this month and determine what is the greatest need, a tanker or a pumper.

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The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Wellsville Fire Station.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.