

Minutes of the Franklin Township Board meeting July 11, 2011

Members of the Franklin Township Board met July 11, 2011 at the Wellsville Fire Station as announced. The agenda included normal business items. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Board members Eldon Radda and Gene Harris were present, as was Fire Chief Robert Thomas.

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

The minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting were not available and will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Treasurer's report was given by Gene Harris:

Fire Fund Balance: \$50,534.89

General Fund Balance: \$24,104.77

All outstanding purchase orders have been processed.

There is one outstanding check to Wolfe Communications for \$436.95.

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

Fire Chief's report was presented by Robert Thomas:

32 calls in 2nd Quarter 2011, 24 of the calls were medical calls. During the same period in 2010 there were 26 total calls, for a 19% increase in calls this year over last year. Robert reported that the city also saw a significant increase in calls this year over last year.

Fire call pay of \$3,015.00 was presented to the board with supporting documentation.

Trucks are coming up on scheduled service work.

There were two Fire Dept purchase requests:

1. #FR060211 – Payee: TBA. Purchase of 18 pagers. Estimated cost of \$7,632.00 to be shared equally with City of Wellsville and Miami County Fire Dist #1. City already approved 1/3 of the cost on 6/29/2011. Miami County Fire Dist #1 has not yet approved. Franklin Township cost would be \$2,544.00. These pagers are required for the pending radio system changes.
2. #FR060311 – Payee: Jerry Ingram Fire & Rescue. Cost of \$10,800.00 to be shared equally with City of Wellsville and Miami County Fire Dist #1. Bunker gear consisting of 6 Structure Coats (Morning Pride), 6 Structure Pants (Morning Pride), 6 Suspenders and Nomex Hoods. City already approved 1/3 of the cost on 6/29/2011. Miami County Fire Dist #1 has not yet approved. Franklin Township cost would be \$3,600.00.

Under Old Business:

Discussion on the possible creation of a fire district. Eldon presented the initial draft of an agreement that Blaine Finch supplied on July 8. Robert explained that this agreement would be an interim step to creating a full fire district with taxing authority. This would be an interlocal agreement between Franklin Township and the City of Wellsville which would create a Board of Directors that would oversee a joint fire department. The board would report back to the City and Township on a regular basis. The fire budgets from the City and Township would flow directly into the District and the Board of Directors would decide how to spend those funds.

Robert was ok with the agreement but asked for a larger Board of Directors. His preference was a 5 member board instead of the 3 member board identified in the draft agreement.

Eldon asked Gene and Robert to review the agreement in more detail and provide feedback by Monday July 18. Eldon would then combine the feedback and send to Blaine. Once we have the next draft, Blaine will present it to the City for their feedback. Following that a meeting between the City and Township will be necessary to discuss any areas of conflict.

2011 Kansas Forest Service VFA Grant. Eldon notified the board that our grant application was denied. The KFA cited decreased Federal funding this year as the reason for denial.

Under New Business:

Purchase Request #FR060211 was considered. Eldon moved and Gene seconded to approve FR060211 in the amount of \$2,544.00. Motion approved.

Purchase Request #FR060311 was considered. Eldon moved and Gene seconded to approve FR060211 in the amount of \$3,600.00. Motion approved.

The 2012 Budget Assistance Meeting is scheduled for 7/14 at 9 AM in the County Clerk's office. Both Gene and Eldon plan to attend.

There was no other new business.

The next regular meeting will be August 15, 2011 immediately following the Annual Budget Meeting at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Eldon at 8:26 PM; seconded by Gene – motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.