

## Minutes of the North Oldham Fire Protection District Board of Trustees:

The North Oldham Board of Trustees met at their regularly scheduled meeting at Station #1 on September 13, 2018. Chairman Randy Scherer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Chief Tim Conway, Tom Emanuel, Gary Gerdemann, Jack Ising, David Morgan, Randy Scherer, Angela Stringer and Scott Thompson were present. No absentees.

Minutes from the August 9, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Angela Stringer and seconded by Gary Gerdemann. Motion approved unanimously.

**Chairman's Report** – None.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tom Emanuel presented the treasurer's report.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report as presented by Jack Ising and seconded by Gary Gerdeman. Motion approved unanimously.

**Chief's Report** –

- August Runs 42 total, 11 Fire and 31 EMS.
- Runs received response as auto mutual aid, 3 Harrods Creek, 1 South Oldham-Worthington-St. Matthews-Lyndon.
- Personnel status
  - 1) 2 full time – Chief, Assistant Chief
  - 2) 30 Permanent Part-time, career
  - 3) 6 recruits w/4 ready to ride
  - 4) 15 fill – in, career
  - 5) 6 qualified non-career
  - 6) 53 members who can respond
- CPR class on August 28, 2018. Next class scheduled for September 25, 2018.
- Skylight staffing getting better.
- Fire Chief's meeting September 6, 2018 here at NOFD.
- Sold 1441 to Madison Indiana Fire.

- Kelley King started audit on August 22, 2018 and returned on September 5, 2018.
- 1432 is in the shop for engine seal repair.
- Responded to a large structure fire on Reserve Cove.
- Keith Smith (Car 2) of OCEMS was named Director of OCEMS replacing Todd Early.
- Met with Hermitage contractors about fire system and hydrant placement.

### **Old Business-**

Cell Tower: Verizon and AT&T are discussing splitting the cost of modifications. Awaiting an update.

Boat Options: Madison, Indiana is interested in the boat and we are awaiting a response. Delaware, Ohio is interested in the boat as well.

ISO: Has improved to a 03/3Y on recent analysis.

Personnel: Has meet as a committee and received 90-120 applicants for the Chief position. No application has been read or reviewed to date.

### **New Business –**

Mini Pumper: Meet several times to discuss and generated a list of wants and needs. Have meet two representatives in person.

### **Public Comment –**

Congratulated the fire personnel on the response and work on the house fire at Reserve Cove.

Motion made to go into Executive Session at 7:48pm by Angela Stringer and seconded by Gary Gerdemann. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to go into Regular Session at 10:12 by Randy Scherer and seconded by Gary Gerdemann. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made that NOFD reorganize the command staff by Tom Emanuel and seconded by Jack Ising. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Randy Scherer and seconded by Tom Emanuel. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by recording secretary,

Jack Ising.

## Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees July 25, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Oldham Fire District was called to order at 7:00 pm, July 25, 2018 at the Goshen Station 1, 1660 Ky. Hwy 1793, Goshen, Kentucky by the Chairman, Randy Scherer. Directors also in attendance were Tom Emanuel, Gary Gerdemann, David Morgan, Angela Stringer, Scott Thompson and Jack Ising.

Mr. Scherer stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have the Board hear questions and comments from the firefighters and concerned residents covering the hiring of the new Chief. Mr. Scherer also stated that he wanted to take a moment to thank both Tim Conway and Scott Hogan for their service as Chief and Assistant Chief and that it was their decision to resign those positions and that they were in no way forced out by the Board.

There were several individuals that brought up the point that the firefighter felt that the Board was not listening to the concerns of the Chief and the communication between the Chief and the Board was lacking.

There was also a question why the members of the Board were not firefighters. Mr. Scherer explained that two of the seven members of the Board of Directors were firefighters elected by the cadre of firefighters. Also by regulation under KRS Chapter 75 governing Fire Districts, the remaining five elected and appointed members of the Board cannot be active firefighters in the state of Kentucky.

A question about the Mission Statement of the Department was brought up. At first it was said the Mission Statement was on the website but later determined it was not, nor could it be found.

It was suggested that the Board strive to initiate a Mission Statement and that this statement be posted on the website.

Mr. Brad Keller acting as a spokesperson for the cadre of firefighters proposed that a committee of five firefighters and one member of the Board of Directors be appointed for the purpose of interviewing, selecting and hiring the new Chief.

Mr. Ising stated that it was the responsibility of the Board to select and hire the Chief of the Department and the Board could not give up that responsibility. Mr. Ising stated that the process that was used in hiring Chief Conway was a committee of both Board members and firefighters interviewing the candidates and recommending to the Board with the Board making the final decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Ising