

Quincy Fire Association Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Board President, Kurt Spalding.

Board members present: Billy Avra, Erica Ewers, Karen Hargreave, Reggie Ivey, Connie Karney, Jim Russell, Eileen VanVleet. Absent: Beth Ann Tobolske.

Also present: Fire Chief Kurt Barve, Mike Sherman, Fire Department.

After one addition under old business, 7A. Line Item Transfers, the agenda was approved by consensus.

Motion by VanVleet to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting. Support by Ewers. Motion carried.

Motion by VanVleet to accept the Finance Report as presented for the period ending 11/30/07. Support by Karney. Motion carried.

The Personnel Committee met immediately after the October QFA meeting to discuss life insurance and retirement options for the Chief. These are not available under the Village of Quincy plans per Eric Zuzga, Village Manager. Additional information is not available at this time. Also discussed was changing the annual appointment of the Chief's position to a one time appointment. This was tabled until the next meeting to allow for a legal opinion regarding the association agreement.

The Chief reported that the First Responder classes are finished and the firemen need to go to a test site and complete testing via a computer with results sent later. This also will put them on a national register. In addition, the Chief is making procedural changes to the First Responder scheduling. Fire runs are down this month; approximately 180 calls have been made this year.

Line item transfers were discussed to amend the budget where overages occurred. Motion by Hargreave and support from Russell to take a total of \$4400 from line item 980.00, Equipment and transfer \$2400 to line 950.300, Training Expense; transfer \$600 to line 802.000, Building/Liability Insurance; transfer \$200 to line 726.000, Fire Prevention; and \$1200 to line 701.500, Wages-Training. Motion carried. Chief Barve thinks there is an error in the 701.500 budget line and will follow up on that.

Discussion on the proposed 2008/09 Budget brought a motion by Karney to increase the proposed appropriation line item 101-101-716.000, Life Insurance, by \$500 to allow for an increase in the death benefit to the firemen from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Support from Russell. Motion carried.

Ewers moved to accept the proposed budget for 2008-2009 Fiscal Year as amended. Support from Karney. Motion carried. The budget needs to go to the individual boards for review and approval.

Motion by Ivey to leave the CD 5157607 which matured on 12/06/07 at Century Bank and renew it at the best rate available. Support by Hargreave. Motion carried.

The Chief reported that due to the age, parts are not available for the Jaws of Life and the State will not certify it. Rescue Tech Equipment Co. has retro-fitting capabilities and the Chief recommends replacing the cutter, motor, and air bag system for \$27,730. Motion by Ewers to use monies from the unreserved, unrestricted fund balance to purchase the equipment for \$27,730. Support from VanVleet. Motion carried.

A Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for January 26, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. with the location to be determined. Spalding recommended that the Board invite their entire individual boards to allow full participation in discussing long-term planning for the Fire Department.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 5:30 P.M

Motion by VanVleet to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Support by Russell. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hargreave
Secretary/Treasurer