

Quincy Fire Association
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
5:30 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by 5:30 p.m. by Board President Kurt Spalding.
Board members present: Erica Ewers, Reggie Ivey, Billie Avra, Karen Hargreave.
Absent: Connie Karney, Jim Russell, Eileen Van Vleet and Beth Tobalske.

Also present: Fire Chief Kurt Barve and Mike Sherman.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Ewers motioned to correct the date of the minutes from July 12 to August 12, 2008 meeting and to approve them and the special meeting minutes of September 4, 2008. With support from Avra, MOTION CARRIED.

Ivey motioned for Hargreave to check with the Village Clerk and make necessary changes to the financial report in line items over budget in 805.000- Professional Fees- Legal and 933.200- Building Maint. With support from Avra, MOTION CARRIED.

No public comments noted.

No committee meetings were held. The Board recommended that Eric Zuzga, Village Manager, set up a finance meeting to work on the budget for the December meeting.

Chief Barve stated that six firemen will attend training in Indianapolis in November. The Department received \$30,000 in grant funds through Homeland Security with no match needed. This will purchase a chemical detection system which will need to be shared with other county departments as requested. Fire calls have been up recently which includes responding to car accidents.

Discussion took place regarding the 1984 truck which does not pass the ISO pump test and may not be in service for much longer. This truck cannot be refurbished and it is becoming difficult to find replacement parts. At the special meeting held on September 4, a representative from HME-Ahrens of Wyoming, MI provided information on a new pumper/tanker for a purchase price of \$437,290. After consideration, only Quincy Township has voted to go ahead on the purchase.

Chief Barve has further researched the possibility of refurbished or other models and currently only one may be available for \$90,000. However, sale is pending from another potential purchaser. The Chief stated that HME-Ahrens has a 2008 demo model with a 2500 gal. capacity and holds six firemen and would meet the needs of the department. It is \$335,000 and comes with a warranty. After much discussion, the Board requested that Eric Zuzga, Village Manager, prepare and forward an amortization schedule to each association entity deducting from the purchase price the CD held at Century Bank and

Trust that matures on 11/06/08 with a projected balance of \$11,259.10. In addition, the Board questioned whether an entity can pay their portion up front and save interest costs.

Ewers motioned to deposit the funds when the CD held at Century Bank matures on 11/06/08 into a liquid savings account to be used for the purchase of the fire truck when needed. With support from Hargreave. Ayes- Spalding, Ivey, Ewers, Hargreave; Nays- Avra. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion on whether the Citizen at Large position held by Beth Ann Tobalske is vacant. Hargreave will follow up. Ivey motioned to advertise for the position in the Coldwater paper with interviews to be conducted by the Personnel Committee after the position is confirmed vacant. With support from Avra, MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting will be held at the Village Office on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Ivey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. With support from Ewers, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hargreave
Secretary/Treasurer