

# Fire District 16 Minutes

Public Meeting

Date- March 10, 2008

## Attendance-

Commissioners- Sam Wright, Roger Prater, Tim Kenyon

Skip McKenzie, Mike Woelke, Tom Levack, Ken Thompson, John Foster (DNR), and about 50-60 residents of the Aeneas Valley Area of which 48 signed the attendance form

6:00 PM- As chair Sam brought the meeting to order.

- Sam reviewed the meeting agenda and then read the minutes from the 2/11 and the 3/7 commissioners meetings. Sam move to approve the minutes from both meetings and the minutes were seconded by Tim for the 2/11 meeting and Roger for the 3/7 meeting.
- Ken provided the Commissioners two vouchers to sign and provided a brief description to the group about the procedures used to pay bills within the Fire District.
- Sam discussed the Policy and Procedures document for the fire district. On maps Sam showed the boundaries of the fire district, showed fire risk areas in the County (Aeneas Valley is a high risk area for 2008) and showed information on the Burnt Bread Fire. Sam then discussed personnel on the Fire District organization chart, district finances, and also read a "progress information sheet" for the Fire District that had been mailed to residents in 2007 and updated for this meeting.
- Sam opened the meeting for input and questions from the audience.

Jim Eisenbarth asked to be first to address the commissioners. A meeting of residents had been held at the Eisenbarth home the Saturday before this meeting to generate information to present to the commissioners. Instead of asking questions as requested, Jim Eisenbarth handed a petition with ten demands to the three commissioners. Later in the meeting, after the commissioners had a chance to review the petition, the commissioners indicated they needed time to address the petition and suggested responding at the next scheduled meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting proceeded with numerous questions from the audience which were answered by the commissioners and fire district personnel. Additionally the commissioners corrected several rumors that the audience wanted to discuss.

Several members of the audience asked very good questions and made positive suggestions about improving communication with residents, potential volunteer help for the fire district, potential sources for water, and potential land that could be used for a fire station.

Much of the meeting however was dominated by Jim Eisenbarth and a few others who appeared angry and who made numerous contemptuous remarks about individual commissioners and individual volunteer fire fighters.

8:30 PM- Sam moved to adjourn the meeting and Roger seconded the motion.

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Chairperson

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Commissioner

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Secretary  
(Meeting minutes to be filed)

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Commissioner

