

Fire District 16  
Commissioners Work Session Minutes

Meeting Date- December 8, 2014  
Meeting Place- 6 Main Road Aeneas Valley

Attendance-

Commissioners- Mike Woelke, Roger Prater, Rick Baker  
Fire Chief, Gene Jones, Treasurer- Glenna Jones, EMS- Yvonne Kennedy, Bob Bauer, Secretary- Ken Thompson

6:00- Mike brought the meeting to order and discussed tonight's agenda. Mike made a motion to approve the November 10th minutes. Roger seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Roger Prater turned in his resignation for the number 3 commissioners position effective at the end of tonight's meeting. Mike and the other meeting attendees thanked Roger for over 8 years of service to the Aeneas Valley Fire District.

Mike led a discussion of the candidates to fill this commissioners position. After discussion, Mike made a motion to nominate Bob Bauer to fill the position. Rick Baker seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve Bob for the position. Bob accepted the nomination and Rick Baker performed the oath of office. The change will become effective at the end of tonight's meeting.

The group thanked Bob for accepting the commissioners position. His leadership and skills will be appreciated.

Glenna provided the treasurer's report-

**County Account**

\$41,365.77	Balance at beginning of November
\$ 1,922.59	Bills paid in November
\$ 5,421.85	Tax income in November
\$44,865.03	Balance at end of November

**Savings Account**

\$ 20,023.69	Balance at beginning of November
\$ 2.27	Interest paid in November
\$ 20,025.96	Balance at end of November

**Bills submitted this meeting for payment approval-**

\$ 8,849.00

Glenna provided billing details for the commissioners to review. After review, Mike made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Roger seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve funding for these bills. These bills will be submitted to the County for payment via a voucher dated 12/08/2014.

Gene provided the fire chief's report-

The fire district responded to two calls since our last meeting

- A power line down and fire at 1043 Aeneas Valley Road
- An aid call to Peony Creek Road

B-1614 has been repaired

R-1613 needs transmission work. Repair plans are being developed.

R-1612 renovation plans are continuing.

#### Old Business-

- Mike reported that the AFG grant for SCBA equipment and training has been resubmitted. The grant's total budget is \$73,346. The Federal share of the grant is \$69,854 and the Fire District's share is \$3,492.
- The Fire District's new heated Fire Station, located at 20 Bench Creek Road, is complete. The building was constructed by volunteers from the fire district and the community. Equipment and material donations from the community helped with the building construction. The Aeneas Valley Community Association recently donated insulation that was used to help complete the building. An open house will be planned this spring. Pictures of the building can be seen on the web at- [http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/home/building\\_update](http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/home/building_update)

- Mike reported the annual budget requirements are now complete.

#### New business-

- The required report and insurance paperwork of an on duty injury to Mike Woelke was signed by commissioner Roger Prater and secretary Ken Thompson.
- After discussing the rotating chair position for the commissioners meetings it was agreed that Mike will continue in that position.
- Mike presented a draft newsletter for the Aeneas Valley Fire District to the group. Mike asked that any comments be sent to him as soon as possible.
- A traffic sign warning "Fire Trucks Entering the Road" is needed on Aeneas Valley Road before and after the Bench Creek road intersection and possibly on Bench Creek Road. Discussions will be continued at our next meeting.
- Gene will investigate to see if a water tank he observed in a field is for sale.

#### End of Year Discussion- Mike led the discussion that highlighted the accomplishments achieved this year.

- A new Fire Station building has been completed using volunteer labor. Donated equipment and materials helped complete the building.
- The fire district has a telephone located at Gene's (486-1622). It will be an unmanned phone and emergency callers still need to go through 911 for assistance.
- Several fire fighters have been promoted to higher ranks due to their demonstrated leadership and skills.
- This has been the highest year to date for callouts for assistance, mainly due to medical responses.
- A new fire chief and commissioner have been appointed with appreciation of the achievements of the outgoing fire chief and commissioner.
- Several vehicle and equipment repairs have been completed.
- A Freightliner truck was acquired and is now in the District. Plans are to convert it to a water tender next year.
- Future project plans are in the discussion phase.

There were no public comments.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 6:00 PM at 6 Main Road Aeneas Valley.

Prior to concluding the meeting Rick Baker presided over Bob Bauer taking the oath of office for commissioner.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Rick.

6:50- The meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson

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Commissioner

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