

CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2018

Call to Order

The Cass County Fire District #1 (CCFD1) Board met at 6:30 p.m. at Cass County Fire District 1 Station at 1444 Holland Street, Logansport, Indiana. Meeting was called to order by Michael L. Sims, Chairman. Members present were: Michael L. Sims, Chairman; Dave Patty, Vice Chairman; Jeff Asselin, Member at Large; and Bridget Enyeart, Fiscal Officer/Secretary.

Minutes

Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018 were reviewed. Jeff Asselin made a motion to accept the minutes. Michael L. Sims seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Treasurer's Report was given by Fiscal Officer, Bridget Enyeart. Rainy Day Fun \$98,764; Building Debt Fund \$0; County Emergency Loan Fund \$2,434.09; Fire General Fund \$270,135.76; Cumulative Fire Fund \$29,720.26. Checking Balance \$14,679.87. Savings Account Balance \$378,944.80. Total Claims submitted were \$383,626.73. Michael L. Sims made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and all claims submitted for payment, Dave Patty seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Run report was given.
2. Maintenance and service repairs needed were discussed.
 - a. Floor drains bid reviewed. Mike Sims made a motion to accept Steinberger Construction's bid to fix the floor drains. David Patty seconded. **Motion passed 3-0**
 - b. Painting plan of Interior of Fire Station discussed.

Jeff Asselin made a motion to accept the Fire Chief's Report. Michael L. Sims seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

CONTRACTS FOR 2019

All contracts have been received and signed by the Board with the exception of Royal Center and Twelve Mile. Both contracts will be sent back and will be uploaded in August before the Cass County Council meeting once they are received.

INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY REVISION

Tabled until November 2017 meeting.

BUDGET

The DLGF Budget Workshop for the Cass County Fire District will be held on Friday, July 20, 2018 @ 2:30pm. First reading of the Cass County Council for our 2019 budget will be September 21, 2018 @ 9:00 am. Second reading of the Cass County Council will be October 19, 2018 @ 9:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on replacement pumper and ladder truck will be held directly after Cass County Fire District's regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Asselin made a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting and start the Public Meeting to Incur Debt directly after the close of the District's business meeting. Dave Patty seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

NEXT MEETING

8/1/2018 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget I. Enyeart, Fiscal Officer

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**CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
NEW DEBT/NEW DEBT LEVY
REPLACEMENT TRUCKS
JUNE 4, 2018**

Call to Order

The Cass County Fire District #1 (CCFD1) Board met at 6:30 p.m. at Cass County Fire District 1 Station at 1444 Holland Street, Logansport, Indiana. The Cass County Fire District #1 Business Meeting was completed and the public meeting to incur new debt, new debt levy and replacement trucks was called to order directly after by Michael L. Sims, Chairman. Members present were: Michael L. Sims, Chairman; Dave Patty, Vice Chairman; Jeff Asselin, Member at Large; and Bridget Enyeart, Fiscal Officer/Secretary.

GUIDELINES/AGENDA

Michael L. Sims, Chairman presented the guidelines for the meeting. Any member of the public wishing to discuss new debt, new debt levy and replacement trucks must state their full name, address, city, state, zip, telephone number and what township they reside before taking the floor. Comments will be limited to 10 minutes per public constituent.

READING OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Michael L. Sims, Chairman, read the Public Notice that was advertised and published in the Logansport Pharos Tribune on May 25, 2018.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cass County Fire District Chairman Michael L. Sims opened the floor for discussion regarding the purchase of a new/used pumper and a new/used tanker. Michael L. Sims indicated he would not like to see the Board incur a debt any higher than \$400,000. David Patty, Vice-Chairman and Jeff Asselin, Member at Large both agreed. Fiscal Officer, Bridget Enyeart submitted a proposed bid by Security Federal Savings Bank as follows:

\$400,000 for 5-year Term with Interest Rate of 3.875% with semi-annual payments of \$44,385.00.
\$400,000 for 7-year Term with Interest Rate of 4.000% with semi-annual payments of \$29,291.00.
The loan origination fee will be \$250 for either loan option. The first semi-annual payment will be due six (6) months from the loan origination date. Bond opinion will be required. The estimated property tax rate for the new debt at 5 years would be \$0.0444 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated property tax rate for the new debt at 7 years would be \$ 0.0334 per \$100 of assessed value.

Fiscal officer Bridget Enyeart further discussed the Cass County Fire District just paid off the building mortgage. The tax rate associated with that debt for the last five years was approximately 0.0333 when established. Bridget told the board the taxpayers of Eel, Noble and Clay essentially would not see a difference in their tax bill if the Cass County Fire District Board went with the 7-year term, then what the taxpayer has seen for the last five years with the building mortgage debt. \$0.0001 was the increase. On a home assessed at \$100,000, Fiscal Officer Bridget Enyeart explained there would be approximately a \$0.10 difference for trucks that will be at least twenty years newer. This will cut down repair/replacement costs from the Cumulative Fire Fund; and, keep the District on track with their replacement equipment schedule.

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

Chairman Michael L. Sims opened the floor to the public for questions or comments. No individuals came forward to ask questions or provide comments regarding what had been discussed. Chairman Michael L. Sims made a second call to open the floor to public questions or comments and stated now

would be the time for discussion. Again, no individuals came forward to ask questions or provide comments regarding what had been discussed.

RESOLUTION

Cass County Fire District Chairman Michael L. Sims made a motion that the Cass County Fire District # 1 Board of Trustees incur a new debt and a new debt levy for no more than \$400,000 for 7-year Term with Interest Rate of 4.000% with semi-annual payments of \$29,291.00. In addition, the board will pay a loan origination fee of \$250, with the first semi-annual payment due six (6) months from the loan origination date. Bond opinion costs should be wrapped into the financing of the loan if possible. If it is not possible the Bond Opinion fee will be paid either out of the Fire General Fund or the Rainy-Day Fund. Vice Chairman David Patty and Jeff Asselin Seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0. Formal Resolution Signed and Attached to Minutes.**

DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH CASS CO. COUNCIL

The Board will present its Resolution to the Cass County Council and request permission to establish a new debt levy for replacement vehicles at the Cass County Council's July 20, 2018, meeting which will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, 200 Court Park, Logansport, Indiana.

ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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