

**CASS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 4, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The Cass County Fire District #1 (CCFD1) Board met at 4:30 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; David Patty, Vice Chairman; Jeff Asselin, Member at Large; and Bridget Enyeart, Fiscal Officer/Secretary.

**Minutes**

Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2019 were reviewed. Jeff Asselin made a motion to accept the minutes. David Patty seconded the motion. ***Motion passed 3-0.***

**TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Treasurer's Report was given by Fiscal Officer, Bridget Enyeart. Bridget also reviewed the Bank Transaction Register, Bank Reconciliation, and the 2019 Gateway required uploads to show the Board that she is up to date on the District's monthly obligations through August 31, 2019. Total claims were reviewed. Jeff Asselin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and all claims submitted for payment, David Patty seconded. ***Motion passed 3-0.***

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Run reports were given to date by Fire Chief Pat Bell.
- Update given on delivery of new fire truck. (The pumper truck's estimated date of completion is October 2019.
- Discussion held regarding new addition to fire station. Board members are going to go back to the City regarding further discussions on the permit. Erin Shaver indicated we would need a state permit and stated our current contractor is not registered with the State. However, the current contractor built the new highway garage so there must be some confusion regarding contractor status.

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

**2020 Budget**

Bridget Enyeart, Fiscal Officer gave board members dates of Cass County Review of Budget. 1<sup>st</sup> reading is September 20, 2019 at 9:00 am. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be October 18, 2019 at 9:00 am.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Kuritz at 115 Eel River Avenue, Logansport, IN expressed his displeasure regarding our selection of the 2003 E-One 75' Quint with 2000 GPM pump from Command Fire Apparatus. Dennis thought we should have spent extra money and purchased a different apparatus which was listed at \$190,000 and had a basket on the ladder. Minutes from the February 2019 meeting were read regarding the Board's decision regarding the purchase. The Board advised Dennis regarding the Pros and Cons of having a basket/platform and 125' ladder vs no basket and 75' foot ladder. Minutes were read reflecting the following:

“Specific concerns were raised that our current ladder truck cannot get into some residential neighborhoods. Ultimately, the cost of not having the basket/platform is significantly lower. The cheapest platform model found so far was a 2000 Emergency One 95’ Aerial Platform Quint for \$190,000. This apparatus is three years older and costs more money than the ladder truck being presented to the Board. If the Board decided not to purchase the 2003 E-One 75’ Quint and chose a basket/platform apparatus, the Board would only be able to afford an older model that would cost more money and may have to be replaced sooner than 10 years. There are currently other departments looking at the 2003 E-One 75’ Quint in Illinois and Command Fire Apparatus will not hold the truck without payment.” Dennis indicated the Emergency One 95’ Aerial Platform that was listed at \$190,000 went for \$160,000. Bridget pointed out to Dennis that we financially accountable to the taxpayers and; had we bid on this apparatus, we could have been in a bidding war with another taxing unit and the price could have been closer to the \$190,000. The Board needed the extra \$40,0000 in savings to build an additional bay so we can keep our existing tanker. The Board has been fiscally responsible with their money and trying to save the taxpayers as much as they can while replenishing the older apparatus with newer equipment.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next public meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Dave Patty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Asselin seconded. Meeting adjourned. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

***Bridget I. Enyeart, Fiscal Officer***

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