

**FIRE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2010**

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The Fire Oversight Committee met in regular session on March 15, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Benson.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Scott Anding, Randy Benson, Ron Comer and Michael Kuhn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Pettit was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Dan Alldred, Fire Chief, Anna M. Sizemore, Village Manager, Kelli R Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Benson stated on page 3, second paragraph should read “Mr. Anding stated he could not agree with all those statements more, but he feels the timing is now and start the billing now.”

Mr. Benson stated on page 3, second paragraph the wording that Mr. Anding used “due diligence” did not sound right to him.

Mr. Anding questioned if he wanted him to change it to “investigated”. He stated that it might not sound right because it is directed in the third party, and would like it to not be changed.

Mr. Comer moved to accept the March 1, 2010 minutes as amended, second by Mr. Kuhn.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Anding, yes; Mr. Benson, yes; Mr. Comer, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes. 4-yes, 0-no.
MOTION CARRIED.

VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mrs. Sizemore stated that we need to discuss the Levy.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Alldred stated that for the last couple of levies he has made a wish list for items to be accomplish, and he wanted to run though them. He would like to form a committee of interested citizens who wish to promote the Fire/EMS Levy. The last time he tried this in November with an article in the paper, he got zero response. He did not know if we wanted to

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attempt it this time. He stated that we have \$3,900 for the Levy fund. The Town Hall meeting was not all that successful last time and he is not sure that we want to do it again because anyone can get up and say what they want in front of a televised audience. That may have hurt us last time. Sending a Levy facts and figure flyer mailed to all residents in the Village and the Township like we have done in the past should cost approximately \$1,000.

He went on by saying that he would like to do window flyers and hand deliver them to the businesses throughout the Village and the Township and these should cost approximately \$50. We discussed new signs at the last meeting, but we did not take action to get any. If we get 100 new signs, exactly the way we had them before, will cost \$1,071. We may not need to order as many wire frames, because we may have some from old campaigns. If that is the case that figure may drop to approximately \$900.

He spoke with MVCC about doing a slide show that would be similar to what they did for the Cemetery Levy last year. He will be getting that information over to MVCC soon. He would also like to update the single slide and have that running on Channel 5.

Chief Alldred added that he plans to put "Support Fire/EMS, Don't forget to Vote May 4th" on the message board at Route 4 one week before the election. He is planning on putting an informational article in the local newspapers a few weeks prior to the Levy.

He stated he would like to have presence in the community. He has formed committees through GRS, Inc. and the Firefighters Association. They have appointed people to get working on these items, bag groceries at IGA on a Saturday morning and distribute information to parked cars at the VV Base opening day. There has been discussion about having a hot dog grill and information session in the Township or the Village. They also have discussed having a reverse boot drive, and instead of collecting money, they would stand at the intersection at Center and Cherry and pass out Levy information.

Chief Alldred suggested making phone calls to the registered voters a few days prior to the election. He stated that he has provided Levy information to the Senior Center to be included into their monthly newsletter and that was printed in the March newsletter.

He went on by saying we would walk door-to-door with Levy information that is supported by the Council, Township Trustees, and the Fire Oversight Committee and possibly hang doorknob hangers. The cost for the doorknob hangers would be \$250 for 1,000.

Chief Alldred questioned if the Fire Oversight Committee would like to go ahead with ordering more yard signs.

All agreed to order 100 more black and yellow yard signs.

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Mr. Comer stated he really liked the idea of the doorknob hangers and have a group go into the Township where we did not do well. He recommended having the information from the Senior Citizens newsletter printed on the back of the doorknob hangers. That information tells a lot, and that GRS and Germantown Fire/EMS are two different entities.

Mr. Kuhn stated that another idea would be to contact the County and get a list of registered voters. That way we do not waste any of the door hangers on non-voters and focus on the registered voters.

Chief Alldred questioned Mr. Benson if we could use the sign at the Township building to put a message on it to support the Levy, Mr. Benson replied the Township building is a voting place and it cannot be placed that close to a voting place.

Chief Alldred questioned if they could put the message on it before the Levy and then take it down before Election Day, Laurie Rohrbach replied that they were planning on doing that.

Chief Alldred questioned if they could put information on the Township website, Mr. Benson replied yes they could.

Chief Alldred questioned if Mr. Kuhn would be able to make the vinyl letters that he had offered to make before. This would make the larger signs current for the Levy dates. Mr. Kuhn replied yes he would make the vinyl letters.

Chief Alldred questioned if Mr. Anding would be able to redesign the new mailer, Mr. Anding agreed to do so.

Mr. Benson shared a copy of the Chamber of Commerce's article in the Dayton Daily News, and he asked if we would be able to run an article like that one for the Fire/EMS Levy in the Neighbors section.

Mr. Kuhn replied that we could but it is a little pricey but he would look into the prices and e-mail them to the Fire Oversight Committee members.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Mr. Anding had no report

Mr. Benson stated that Valley View is running a Levy the same time we are running our Fire/EMS Levy and he hopes it does not hurt us.

Mr. Kuhn stated that the Valley View Levy is a renewal.

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Mr. Benson stated that he spoke with Bob Rohrbach and he advised him to form a Levy Committee for the Fire/EMS.

Mr. Benson questioned if the Levy Committee would have to post the dates and time of the Levy meetings, Laurie Rohrbach replied that they do not have to post because the Committee was already in force from way back when.

A brief discussion took place regarding the door hangers and the sign location.

Mr. Comer had no report.

Mr. Kuhn had no report.

Jenifer Shyrigh handed out a list of phone numbers of all the residents in the Village. The Fire/EMS personnel have signed up to call each of the residents. Other residents are willing to make some of these calls also. She stated that Chief Alldred would be furnishing a script of what everyone is to say to the residents when they call them.

A brief discussion took place regarding the phone calls for the Levy.

All agreed to have the next meeting on April 5th.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Comer moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council