

German Township Fire Department  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 10, 2009

Members Present: President Terry Eickhoff, Vice President Larry Chapman, Lester Garrett, John Buckman, Nick Adams, Harold Orth, Steve Bequett, Tom Cook, David Bretz, David Mangia

Motion made to approve minutes of January 2009 meeting by Larry Chapman, seconded by Harold Orth. Motion carried.  
(NOTE: No February meeting)

Treasure's report – discussion and review.

Motion made to roll over maturing CD of 10,173.81 on 03/11/2009 into a 16 month CD a consensus of the group was only needed.

Discussion over the German and Armstrong Contracts:

German:

Cum Fund stayed the same

EMS Fund stayed the same

Fire Fund, shorted \$15,000 decrease from last year

Cum – 151,262

EMS – 57,062

Fire – 60,535

\$268,859.00 Total

Chief Buckman passed out a table on how the figures were tabulated, no one understood it. Chief Buckman has a contact that understands local Gov finance and he would like to coordinate a conference call with the BOD to understand how or why we took a hit. This may help us educate our trustee on what he needs to do.... We want to send a letter to the trustee outlining out budget for the next year and solicit feedback on the budget shortfall and what the trustee plans to do to make this up a motion was made by Larry Chapman and seconded by Tom Cook. Further discussion was about paying a consultant to come in and explain this to us and the trustee, Chief would solicit the cost of this.

Discussion on the Armstrong Contracts

Propose a 3% increase on the Armstrong Contact it has been some years since we received more money from Armstrong, there was a consensus of the group to do this.

Chief Buckman Filed for our property tax exemption and made the meeting downtown on this, they asked about the small piece of property that we pay taxes on and he stated it was a cell phone tower and they understood that and approved the exemption on the rest of our properties.

Fulltime employee raise was discussed, Chief Buckman suggested since Darrell did not receive a raise last year he would recommend the 3%, He did receive a raise last year but it was for passing his FF I/II bringing his salary up. Larry Chapman made the motion and Steve Bequett seconded. Motion carried by the group

Points system: Time to pay the point's reimbursement from last ½ of 2008, budget was verified in the amount of \$10,000 Chief requested to pay points out at the \$8,000 and save the 2,000 for budget short fall issues... consensus of the group was to pay out the points at the \$8,000

2008 Audit discussion: As soon as the Tax season is finished we would solicit for an audit, the budget has \$5,000 set aside to pay for the audit, and any further discussion was tabled until after tax season.

Chief Buckman gave a report on the 50 year celebration.

Discussion on adding snow chains to the first due engines: 8E9 / 8E8

Cost to add the snow chains is approx 2,000 for each truck. A discussion followed what these were and how they were used, Chief Buckman called Don Neel to get exact figures on the cost. A motion by Tom Cook to approve purchase and seconded by Larry Chapman. All approved this would be advertised through the minutes to the membership.

Chief Buckman gave an updated on the Status of Division Chief Neel and his hospital stay. An update was provided on Division Chief Stucke, broken arm.

Meeting adjourned