

**CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT (CAFD) BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 8, 2010
District Station #2, 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members present: DeMenge, Harms, DeCaigny, Ahlgren, and Nemmers
Members absent: None
Others: Langenbrunner, Fritsinger (Cloquet City Administrator), Anderson (Recorder)

2. Approval of April 8, 2010 Meeting Agenda

MOTION (Nemmers/DeMenge): To approve the April 8, 2010 meeting agenda with minor adjustments. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

3. Approval of March 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION (Ahlgren/Harms): To approve the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes with some minor changes. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

4. Presentation/Visitors

Visitors: Kevin Schroeder, CAFD; Chad Vermeersch, CAFD; Geoff Foster, CAFD; Darren Guentzel, Scanlon FD; Justin LeBlanc, Scanlon FD; Ken Klatt, CAFD; Lora Eames, Perch Lake Clerk; Craig Langenbrunner, visitor.

Craig Langenbrunner states concerns regarding burden to taxpayers in Perch Lake Township. DeMenge informs citizen that proper forum for taxpayer questions and concerns should be at the Perch Lake Township meeting on April 12, 2010 and/or the Board of Equalization meeting scheduled for April 21, 2010.

5. Treasurer's Report:

a) Monthly Financials

Brian Fritsinger reviews monthly revenue and expense report.

b) Bill Payment Approval

Monthly invoice and summary report reviewed by Chief Langenbrunner.

MOTION (Ahlgren/Harms): To approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

6. Old Business

a) Scanlon Update-Automatic Aid Agreement:

Fritsinger reviews agreement. This agreement is the first step in the CAFD and Scanlon coming together and supporting each other. Bob DeCaigny will edit minor changes and email the revised document to Board members and the Scanlon subcommittee members.

MOTION (DeMenge/Nemmers): To approve the Scanlon Automatic Aid Agreement with the minor edits discussed by DeCaigny. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

b) Arson Dog

DVD was watched regarding the arson dog program. Gordy Meagher recommends \$5,000 be put into the 2011 budget for dog food, supplements, training, gasoline, and annual certification costs. Crow Goebel has agreed to donate reasonable veterinary costs. Arson fires are the most dangerous fires to fight. There has been a significant drop in arson fires because of the dog program, as well as an increase in the conviction rate in Carlton County. State Farm covers initial training, flight costs, and room/board on the order of \$20,000. The dog would be received in April 2011.

MOTION (Ahlgren/Harms): To make application to the Arson Dog Program. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

c) EMS Legislation Update:

Chief Langenbrunner and DeCaigny attended a meeting January 27th at Arrowhead EMSRB to express concerns about the unfunded mandate regarding the PSA issue and our ambulance being required to provide service with no means to recover the cost from townships. Since that meeting, a bill was introduced which would require townships to meet and negotiate a fee, and if they choose not to participate, any deficit that the ambulance service had at the end of the year would be divided among those communities that did not negotiate a fee with the district. The bill was introduced at the Senate and was heard in the House and went to Finance and Housing Committee and has been laid over for inclusion in the Omnibus Finance bill. What this bill would mean for our District is that some taxpayer costs, that are out of the district, would be lowered. Mayor Ahlgren met with lobbyists and states this bill doesn't have much chance of moving forward this year. Mayor Ahlgren suggests board members write a letter to other townships to add more weight to the situation. Off season work would be beneficial.

7. New Business

a) Recording Secretary Special Meeting Pay:

Issue has been addressed because of subcommittee meetings with Scanlon to work on member community status. There has been a recommendation of \$75.00 per month (not per meeting). Deb to notify Board members if an increase in the number of meetings makes the compensation insufficient.

MOTION (Ahlgren/Harms): To approve \$75.00 per month for Recording Secretary additional pay for Scanlon subcommittee work. DeMenge opposes (suggests \$75.00 per meeting.) Motion carried and passed.

b) Station 2 Paid-on-Call Appointments:

Six applicants have been received. Chief Langenbrunner recommends Nicholas Olson, Timothy Larson, Matthew Ammesmaki, Anthony Stoddard, Daniel Olson, and Guy Wefelmeyer be appointed positions of probationary paid-on-call fire fighters upon successful completion of medical/physical and drug/alcohol testing and completion of orientation.

MOTION (Harms/Nemmers): To approve the six applicants as suggested by Chief Langenbrunner contingent upon conditions listed. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

c) Creation of Health Insurance Sub-Committee:

Negotiating team will recommend this committee be created. Total minimum of four members needed. Ahlgren, DeMenge, and Fritsinger have volunteered to be on this committee.

8. Closed Meeting

- a) Meeting was closed for purposes of discussing pending labor negotiations with the IAFF Local 880 and other confidential legal matters as permitted under Minnesota Statutes.

Meeting re-opened at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION (Harms/Nemmers): To approve the two Memorandums of Understanding which include the adoption of the Health Reimbursement Arrangement for active employees and the Working Out of Classifications (MOU's) and the contract dated 04-06-10; subject to some minor revisions in wording (no change of intent or meaning) and subject to ratification by the Union. Motion unanimously carried and passed.

9. Other/Next Agenda:

- a) Future Agenda Items
1) Chief Langenbrunner to present ideas to the board on organization structure and modifications.
- b) Confirm Next Meeting Date

May 12, 2010 (Wed)	3 pm	Station 1 Training Center
June 10, 2010 (Thurs)	6 pm	Station 2 Perch Lake Town Hall
July 14, 2010 (Wed)	3 pm	Station 1 Training Center
August 12, 2010 (Thurs)	6 pm	Station 2 Perch Lake Town Hall
September 8, 2010 (Wed)	3 pm	Station 1 Training Center
October 14, 2010 (Thurs)	6 pm	Station 2 Perch Lake Town Hall

- c) Action Items List Review

See attached list.

10. Adjourn

MOTION (Nemmers/DeMenge): To adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.