

Wood River Fire Department  
Minutes for Regular December 2009 Meeting

12-21-2009

The meeting was called to Order at 8pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Minutes for the November meeting were approved as read.

Fire Treasurer's Report:

- Checking:
- Savings:
- Bills submitted to the city for annual track meeting.
- Bills presented for payment – It was moved by Dan, second by Neal to pay the outstanding bills. Motion carried.

Ambulance Treasurer's Report:

- Checking:
- Savings:
- Motion by Matt, second by Dan to pay outstanding bills. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Red Light Permits – need to get these printed off and to Todd for signature.
- Seat Belt safety presentation had limited success.
- For Santa Claus' arrival in Wood River: the sleigh was driven by elf Chris Young to the Senior Center
- Alda has offered to assist with calls during the holiday season.
- Roger, Chris, Todd to Mutual Aid Meeting. On May 1st, there will be a simulated plane crash – more details to follow as incident gets closer.
- NEMSA Conference in Kearney January 16th and 17th.
- Fire School in Grand Island May 21st and 22nd. Fire School will be looking for EMS personnel to assist with health screenings Friday until about noon, 15 persons, and possibly Saturday morning.
- Mutual Aid Committee requested Jenie Maloney to construct a web site. Chief Todd refused as there is a mailing list available and Maloney's have given enough to the fire departments without pay.
- Possibility of A Fire Fighter I or II class to be offered in January or later.
- Fund Raiser for Tony Amen's wife, Alda Fire will be coordinating, more info to follow.
- Fundraiser in Aurora for Policeman Chad Mertz, January 17th.
- Mutual Aid requesting individual emails for communicating. Chief Todd suggests to use the member listing.
- Chief Todd received thanks from the Ethanol Plant and the past event.
- Roger Dvorak is new secretary of Mutual Aid Committee.

Ambulance Captain Report:

- No report.

#### Smithson Report: EMS Billing Report

- Made a trip to Omaha to confer with the representative for EMS billing and where we stand.
- 15 reports completed within the past 30 days.
- Working with hospitals to get the needed information sent directly to the Smithson's. Hospitals prefer to use case numbers rather than names for confidentiality reasons.
- Possible checklist update and development for more efficient gathering of necessary information.
- Smithson's request any staff person responding always documented whether or not the patient is transported. It looks good at the year end reports.

#### Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Flores reports he was not Santa, just a helper.
- Gives thanks again to Chris Young but suggests that in further Elf duties, green tights WILL be required.
- Report of the infestation of fire trucks – the paper bugs appear to have gone into hibernation and the problems is more manageable.
- Pastor Flores reports he will be gone from 12/26 until 1/3/10 but issues invitation to all present, their families and friends to attend the Best Birthday Celebration ever on 12/25!

#### Committee Reports:

Truck Maintenance – person for this position is usually appointed: Chris Young! Chris reports a full inspection done on unit 40

- o Full oil except for rear end
- o Needs front right tire attention: it is wearing
- o Needs two new tires and alignment
- Filters for units 30 and 31 – Chris will change.
- Unit 30 lug nuts were tightened by Lee Springs. There is an antifreeze leak but have not yet found the source.
- Unit 60 – water pump is out: McCallen's will do this.

Ethanol Plant discussion on if or not to charge for services. Payment for services would not include, for example, local farmers for field fires, etc. AT the upcoming city meeting, Bill Francis will talk about what is and is not covered by property taxes and what can be billed.

#### Fireman's Dance Committee:

- Committee members: Matt, Julie, Brian, Neal, Barb, Pastor Flores. The committee met following the December regular meeting to select a date.

#### Old Business:

- By-Laws changes: Motion by Neal, second by Kim to approve changes suggested by the committee. No discussion, Motion was approved by unanimous secret written ballot.
- Changes will be adopted as of 12/21/2009.

#### New Business:

- Brian reports invitation for lunch following services at United Methodist Church.
- Also at the UM Church, Fire Sunday January 24th – morning service and meal to follow for members and their families.
- City/Rural Board appreciation dinner will be held January 26th at the Country Club.
- Heather Gideon Family Project, move by Brian second by Jenie to donate \$100 Fire fund, \$100 Ambulance fund. No discussion, motion carried unanimous. Suggested that WRFD holiday

adopt the Gideons' family, motion by Jenie, second by Amy. Motion carried. Wrap at Fire Hall following shopping so mess stays at fire hall. Bring Family to fire hall, having Santa and an Elf here to greet and disperse gifts.

- Appreciation gift to WRFD for memorial service from Marion Hensley. Nick, Ken Fairbanks and Brian Hayes form a committee to on how to use the money for the fire hall or for EMS.
- Requesting assistance for Wrestling Meet at WRHS 12/29, Tuesday morning.
- Requests for EMS NEMSA conference in January: Kim Buck, Craig Falmlen, Amy Leaming, Dan Leaming, Jenni Falmlen. Motion carried in favor of these members attending the conference.
- Chelsie mentioned that Chad Bleshki has offered to assist with Paramedic refresher course.
- Chris Young received his new coat – and it fits great!

#### ELECTION RESULTS:

- Chief: Todd King
- First Assistant: Matt Maloney
- Second Assistant: Roger Dvorak
- Safety Officer: Neal Sahling
- Rescue Captain: Nick Lammers
- Rescue Lieutenant: Brian Urbom
- Infection Control Officer: Amy Leaming
- Fire Prevention Officer: Jenie Maloney
- President: Roger Maloney
- Vice President: Ken Fairbanks
- Secretary: Barb Dvorak
- Fire Treasurer: Brian Hayes
- Ambulance Treasurer: Jenie Maloney
- Trustees: Chelsie Doane, Dan Leaming, Jose Flores, Chris Young.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1016 hours, motion by Todd, second by Dan. Motion carried.

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Wood River Fire Department  
November Regular Meeting

November Regular Meeting brought to order at 7:56 pm.

The Minutes for the October meeting are currently missing in action.

Roll Call was taken.

The Fire Department Treasurer was absent so there was not financial report.

Visitor: Melva McNuff, Central Nebraska Community Services: working with Hall Co. to

increase seat belt use and cut down on accidents. Targeted age is 13-34 years of age. She wants to go to schools, high school and grade schools, to help educate people.

Ambulance Treasurer's report:

Checking \$1,244.53 Savings \$100.46 Bills presented for payment – none.

Bills outstanding for ambulance service - \$96,410.23.

Receipts for ambulance services - \$3,669.69.

Received donation from Bill Packer: \$500 to ambulance fund, \$500 to Fire Department fund.

Chief's report:

Ethanol Plant requesting WRFD deploy hazmat boom if needed. After much discussion,

Decision reached is no – too much liability, not enough training.

Alda Fire Department, regarding shared training on a quarterly basis. Could alternate there and here: Todd King and Jeff Kevin will meet and discuss.

American Legion Fire Fighter of the year award, nominations due December 1, 2009. Todd King has info – award to be presented in January.

Reference reinforcement of Bay floors beneath fire trucks – 10 - ½ inch sheets of steel will be delivered 11/17/09. Cost is \$3,000.

Discussion Boiler inspections to prevent liability for WRFD.

Rescue Captain Report:

Discussion on Paramedic refresher course. 48 hours needed. Details will be posted. Rod Kumke and Nick Lammers will discuss and notify.

Trauma Symposium @ Creighton University set up mostly for MD's, RN's.

IO Training is available. Supply costs include @ \$1,200 for drill, needles cost \$100 each, sizes needed would be pediatric, regular and large. Training would be provided.

Pastor's Report:

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause coming to town 12/19/09 10-11am. Location: Wood River Senior Center – The Claus' will arrive via WRFD fire truck!

Janitorial Committee – has info. There will be a meeting of this committee first week of December.

FYI – there will be a community Christmas Lights contest, judging will be week of 12/14/09. Cast your votes at Heritage Bank in Wood River. The results will be announced 12/19/09 when Santa Claus arrives in town. There will be cash prizes.

There is a need to have the fire vehicles fumigated? The trucks are infested with Tootsie roll wrappings!

Dan Leaming report for President Dvorak:

Sunday, January 24, 2010 is date scheduled for Appreciation Dinner for the Fire Department by

the City, 6:00pm

Problems with Refilling O2 tanks – if you don't know how to do it, find someone who does know to teach you the correct way.

Smithson's – Enarsis reports: training is available. Dan Leaming will track the hours for the department.

Cable system in place to secure the air packs? Pull the packs to the side to remove, not straight forward.

Fire Fighter Fellowship meetings, Wednesday evenings after the regular Monday night meeting at 8:30pm. Coffee, etc served. It is intended to be a group fellowship and will eventually evolve into Christian Fire Fighters . hcma@woodriverfire.com.

Old Business:

The by-laws committee met. Changes proposed will be reviewed.

Received: Thank you's for the memorial ceremony.

Received – Thank you from Jenie Maloney for the assistance in Fire Prevention Week activities and for the Halloween Night food feed.

We will accept small {stuffed} animals for the toy claw machine.

New Business:

Discussion regarding maintenance committee. More discussion in December as this is an appointed position. More discussion regarding rotation of members, truck by truck, etc.

Training attendance is less than ideal.

Judicial meeting suggested regarding low attendance at meetings. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned @9:42 pm. Motion by Dan Leming, second by Nick. Motion carried.

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Wood River Regular Meeting August 17, 2009

1. Meeting called to order 2003 hours.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Minutes were not read.

1. Fire Department Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to pay outstanding bills by Matt, second by Bill. Motion carried.

## 2. Ambulance Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to pay bills by Dan, second by Matt. Motion carried.

3. Visitor: Julie Smithson, requesting to join WRFD. Not for 911 calls, generally. Julie is a Paramedic, EMS/Paramedic Instructor, trained in CISM and lives in Central City with her Husband, who is half way through his own paramedic training. Julie is the State EMS area coordinator. She will complete an application, and will consider associate membership.

## 4. Fire Chief Reports:

- Regarding truck warrantee – required monies will be wired hopefully 8/21. Should have agreements by Friday.
- Situation regarding poor community relations – If you have negative comments to make about another community and their fire/rescue departments – stop now, or at least have the decency to keep them to yourself.
- Rural Board: Discussion on a reimbursement issue. Paul from EMS billing will be contacted to it can be straightened out with no further miscommunication or misunderstandings.
- Regarding proposed rate hikes for EMS/fire billing, we already have a signed agreement for billing. A committee will look into billing fires. Committee members are Chris Young, Pastor Flores, Bill Leach, Todd King, Ken Fairbanks and Matt Maloney.
- Husker Harvest Days – September 15. EMS coverage 5-7:30 pm.

## 5. Ambulance Captain Reports:

- Laptop computer used in Ambulance - needs repair, a new screen. Repair fees to be taken from Teaching Account.

## 6. Old Business:

- Funds from Cattleman's Ball? An email has been send to the person recruiting us to assist. A significant donation strongly hinted. Nothing promised yet. Could be same time next year!

## 7. New Business:

- Discussion on proposed ambulance rate hike. City will be notified, consulted.
- Calls report: 2 calls, one in June, one in July
- Discussion about missing reports, signatures, paperwork etc. on runs. Some run reports are missing [not current, past ones]. Attorneys are requesting. So far, nothing has been located.
- Reported that as of July 10, everything is caught up and billed.
- Regarding Loss Prevention[medical confidentiality issues]: EMS Billing provides for \$99. Suggested to talk with City Attorney to prepare something at low or no cost.
- Shelton Open house and new area dedication August 23, 2009, 2-4pm.
- Hall county Mutual Aid Meeting will be coming up soon.
- Golf Tourney in Shelton, September 20, 2009
- Memorial Committee: Plans are progressing. Meeting Wednesday 8/19 at about 7:30 pm. Have already received donation offers of cash, food, services, etc.
- September training? Dan Leaming states Farm Extrication was scheduled, general consensus is to move it to October. Alda needs to be notified.
- Need Driver Education on new truck will be considered soon.
- Nebraska CISM Conference 8/28 and 8/29 in Kearney at the Ramada Inn in Kearney. \$40 for one day, \$75 for both days.
- Saturday, September 19th in Ord, NEMSA Pediatric Trauma refresher training. Seven hours credit to be earned. Contact Rita Gallagher.

## 8. Announcements

- Meeting room requested for 8/29 at 2pm for a Shower for Kylie Bruce. Motion by Matt to accept request, second by Neal – Motion carried.
- St. Libory – want to return the old van, do we want it back? It is a 1972 red Ambulance. Motion by Jenie, second by Shelly to accept the van back. Motion carried.
- Discussion to improve our process for building use, to requests earlier to be considered at the regular meetings and follow our own use-rules.
- Cindy Huff withdrew her application because of personal issues. General agreement to accept it.
- Fun Fest Days –
  1. Parade line up at 9am, August 22nd, the trucks need to be washed, times to be announced.

9. Motion to adjourn at 2211 hours by Dan, second by Jenie. Motion carried.

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Jenni Falmlen, Secretary

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## Wood River Fire and Rescue Regular July Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm.
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. Minutes from June meeting, approved as read.
4. Fire Treasurer's Report: Brian Hayes
  - a. Checking account
  - b. Savings account
  - c. Bills read
  - d. Motion by Dan, second by Nick to accept report as read. Motion carried.
5. Ambulance Treasurer's Report: Jenie absent, report given by Brian Hayes
  - a. Checking account
  - b. Savings account
  - c. Bills will be read in August meeting
  - d. Motion by Barb, second by Dan to accept reports as read. Motion carried.
6. Chief's Report –
  - a. Husker Harvest Days meeting will be held Thursday, July 23 at noon.
  - b. Hastings Extrication training to be held September 19-20th
  - c. Bio-fuels – extra chemicals added to the list.
  - d. Truck information: bankruptcy, call it even.
  - e. ET/attorney proposed agreement reviewed, not yet resolved.
  - f. NIMS levels that are required: 100, 200, 700, 800. If you have not yet done these, get to it. Go to training officer Dan Leaming. Officers also need 300 and 400. Paramedics additional levels still under discussion.
7. Ambulance Captain Report-
  - a. Ed Nichol, Trauma Coordinator flagged reports from random reviews: Glasgow coma scales not being noted.
  - b. St Paul Sports Injuries Symposium August 3rd.
  - c. Kay Doane for Grain Bin Extrication training: Chris Young will look into this.
  - d. Discussion on OSSI – inter-osteal system, McGahn already approved.
  - e. CDC Training materials available free
  - f. AED/airway re-cert training needed soon

8. Pastor's Report –
    - a. Five separate gloves, no pairs visible. Reminds us that we are to work together. Many hands make light work. A team effort is required.
    - b. Reminder of Fun Fest in August, Parade: Department present for church services in the blue dress shift? August 23, 10 am service. Food to follow.
    - c. Pastor will not be present for august training.
  9. Committee Reports: tabled until next meeting. Truck committee needs to meet soon.
  10. Billing committee – Bill Leach reports runs are regularly missing paperwork. We need to Improve our reports and be sure to get forms signed!
  11. Old business: none
  12. New Business:
    - a. Melissa's cemetery plot. Motion by Neal, second by Dan to pay \$300. Motion carried.
    - b. Speak to Dewey Hemminger about this.
    - c. Proposed and discussion about Halloween Dance following WFRD Hamburger night for community. Band would be "Gypsy Outlaw" for \$400.00. Possibly at Babel's. Need a liquor permit (Barb will look into it), an organizing committee. Considering charging \$5.00 per couple. Discussion tabled until august Meeting.
    - d. Work nights – tabled until August meeting.
    - e. Mentioned – Fallen Fire fighter activity on October 11th (Friday). Donations are coming in. We'll plan to have donuts and coffee.
    - f. Discussion – trumpeter? Bag Pipes? National Guard flyover? Omaha Drum and Fife Corps? Color Guard? Stage at Babel's, procession to high School. Coffee after at WRVD. Memorial flag at WR Road (The large one on the fire truck). Next meeting of this committee is 8/22 at 7:30 pm
      - i. Food – Neal Sahling, may get a partial donation on the meat
      - ii. Mutual Aid department, ask for funds, \$100 per fire department
      - iii. WFRD as host has \$2,000. Pastor Flores giving Invocation.
    - g. From Bill Leach – hazmat billing/ems billing – rate increases to be discussed at July 21,2009 meeting.
  13. Announcements:
    - a. Tee shirts - \$11.75 - email Jenie Maloney.
  14. Move to adjourn at 9:24 pm by Todd, second by Dan. Motion carried.
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## Wood River Fire and Rescue Regular July Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2009

Stormy weather, spotters out.

1. Meeting open at 9:25 pm. Minimal business taken care of.
2. Fire Department Treasury Report: Motion to pay fire department bills by Rod, second by Barb. Motion carried.
3. Ambulance Treasury Report. Motion to pay Ambulance bills by Matt, second by Barb. Motion carried.
4. Chief Report:
  - a. Cairo having water fight July 17th. Requests due June 29th
  - b. Mutual Aid Meeting – dues are going up to include \$50/department and \$6/member.
  - c. Truck information still on hold.
5. Ambulance Captain Report:
  - a. Nothing new.
  - b. Bill Leach gave a short report on Ambulance billing.



6. New Business:

a. Motion by Todd, second by Bill for all funds collected for legal issues copies to be earmarked for Fire Prevention and Community Education. Motion carried.

7. Meeting Adjourned 9:45 pm

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Wood River Volunteer Fire and Rescue  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 802pm.

Roll call was taken

The minutes from the April 2009 regular meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report for Fire was given by Brian Hayes.

Several bills were presented for payment. Motion by Kim, second by Matt to pay presented bills, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report for Ambulance was given by Jenie Maloney.

Several bills were presented for payment. Motion by Matt, second by Nick to pay the presented bills.

Motion carried.

Ambulance Accounting Report given by Bill Leach. Everything is caught up for the moment.

Chief's Report - Todd King.

1. Truck issues: We are working on Insurance Coverage.

2. Hometown Heroes picture: needed by June 12, come to station on June 1st at 7pm and we will take it.

Ambulance Captain Report - Nick Lammers.

1. Suggest making a call to the families of persons we haul to the hospital to see how they are doing.

2. Reports there are three copies of "Fire Proof" DVD available to view. Movies is well recommended.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Flores reports he has gotten new glasses and now has a new outlook on life!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cattleman's Ball: WR received a thank you for volunteering services offered.

Tee shirts are ordered and may be picked up at Babel's any time before Friday night, 6/5/09 or may be picked up that night.

Discussion followed regarding insurance coverage for the event activities related to WRFD

2. October Memorial service: a meeting of committee members is needed soon!

OLD BUSINESS:

- \* Fire fighter Survival Class June 27th and 28th in St. Libory.
- \* More discussion about the Hometown Heroes picture.
- \* Billing the High School for CPR classes provided was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- \* Bill Shelton for 5 persons CPR instruction @ \$35/each
- \* Bill Hew Holland for 23 persons CPR Instruction @ \$35/each
- \* Wood River Foundation: grant for fire prevention teaching materials [9 DVD series = \$600] Foundation would match one third the cost: they'll want recognition [aluminum cans cashed in amounts go to this fund.]

\* Cell phones at fires: do we need regulation about use of cell phones during fire or can common sense prevail?

\* There is training available in Omaha for Fire/Arson Scene Investigation. It is a two day class, Bill Leach is interested in this class. \$250 plus motel costs [\$80]. Motion by Nick, second by Jenie.

Discussion on Shelton FD covering half.  
WRFD Training budget will be source of funds.

\* Membership applications:  
Pastor Flores - February.  
Cindy Huff - extended: March  
Darin Erbes - extended: April

Discussion regarding Pastor Flores to full membership. Motion by Todd, second by Kim, Motion carried  
unanimously.

\* Todd King, regarding Big Red Truck negotiations: Thursday was deposition. Federal Signal was present and Logan with E.I. Arbitration tool about 5.5 hours. No information to be released until city council has its meeting.

There is a proposal for WRFD to keep the truck, perhaps as soon as June 1st, no later than June 25th.

The Rural Board must post notice. They'll give final consensus as to their final decision. If you want to know the outcome right away, meet at the fire house 5/20.

\* Mutual Aid Meeting in Chapman June 12th.

\* Maintenance issues:  
Start a plastic bottle recycle bin?  
Laundry: soiled laundry found wet and moldy.

99-2 light switch acting up.

Mag Light flashlights - need to order batteries, only two are useable.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:31PM by Nick, second by Bill. Motion Carried.

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Wood River Fire and Rescue

Minutes for April 20, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 pm.

The minutes from the March regular meeting were approved as read.

Guest, Lori Hock, Cattleman's Ball representative spoke about the upcoming event, and how the whole set-up evolved as a way to give back to our communities. There will be hosted reception on Friday, June 5, 2009 and she came to request assistance in the areas of parking control, transportation of guests to the reception site [Babel's Barn] and muscle for clean up. 750 to 1,000 persons are expected to attend. The event will run from 6-9pm. Valets will need to arrive around 4:30 pm. Volunteers will be fed by caterers, 15-20 persons are needed. WRFD would receive a donation for services rendered. Motion by Brian Hayes, second by Nick to participate, motion carried.

Guest Bob Hoffa, Grand Island Dispatcher was present, just checking in to see if there were problems or questions. He talked about advance weather notifications, cell phone locator/gps capability being less than perfect but better than nothing at all, especially in the event of searches. He did mention that children should not be given old cell phones and the 911 capability is never deactivated. GI receives several thousand such mistake calls each year. Bob touched on use of 10-code over radio frequencies, interconnecting radio frequencies, state wide frequencies in the future, private frequencies hooked to neighboring counties, and the progress of a text messaging system for emergency notifications.

Fire Treasurer's Report: Bills were presented. Motion by Rod K. to pay bills, second by Nick, motion carried.

Ambulance Treasurer's Report: .

Announcements:

- Neil and Todd met re: truck, 5/5/09 actual Arbitration in Lincoln: Neil will give a deposition.
- Well adaptors are all in place, Getting pictures was mentioned.
- Grand Island Independent – Heroes: schedule a picture before June.
- Fire School: looking for EMS personnel to take vitals, etc. Need 28 total. May 15-17th. Registrations due at the WRFD no later than 4/24/09.
- Baskin Robbins Fire/EMS Support on 4/29 donating 3 cents a scoop.
- Bill Chamberlain died 4/20/09, following a long term illness.
- EMT Classes – 4/21 is last practice session. Need assistance with testing. Written exam is 4/23. 4/25 is practical testing.
- Maloney's announce Curt's Graduation. Reception 5/17 at Babel's

### Ambulance Captain Report:

Bill Leach gave the EMS Billing Report: Narrative portion of our reports is difficult to reconstruct and match details. A laminated sheet is present in the pack of the Units showing what is required by Medicare, etc. Drivers can complete the sheets located in the cab re: times, mileages, etc and this would be very helpful. We need to find out if we billed the school for CPR classes.

### Old Business:

Fireman's Ball: Report by Brian Hayes Donation to Babel's for wear and tear, utilities, etc. Motion by Brian Hayes, second by Dan Leaming to pay Babel's \$300. Motion carried.

### New Business:

- Purchase of two new chain saws \$600. One 12" placed in Unit 20. One 18" placed in Unit 30.
- Use of Meeting room: Maloney's 5/30, 2-5pm. Fairbanks, 6/28, 10-4pm. Young 5/15 12-9pm. Motion by Roger Dvorak, second by Rod Kumke, motion carried.
- Saturday/Sunday, June 27 and 28th: Fire Fighter Survival Class in St. Libory
- Shelton's proposed by-law change from Bob Spellman that volunteers be limited to membership on one squad only. Shelton Village Council meeting attended by several persons with multiple squad membership. Discussion.
- Shelton VFD submitted bill to WRFD for Ivan Tourney's Paramedic Classes.

Motion by Bill Leach, second by Dan Leaming to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

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March 16th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 2115 by President Dvorak, roll call taken with 20 members present. Minutes of the last meeting were not read due to the secretary not being in attendance.

Brian Hayes gave the fire department treasurer's report . Outstanding bills were presented, motion made by Dan, seconded by Matt to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Jenie Maloney gave the ambulance treasurer report which included . Ambulance account was unavailable. Bills were presented. Motion made by Kim, seconded by Craig to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Todd King gave the fire chiefs report which included reminder to all members that the personal information packets and NSFVA life insurance policy beneficiary forms need to be done.

Fire truck committee to meet with the lawyers on Friday March 20th. Report from the last mutual aid meeting was given.

#### Rescue Captain

Ambulance captain Nick Lammers reported EMS class testing Saturday March 21st 9:00am. Testers needed. EMS billing report was given a list of unfinished billing reports in the office, members need to check these and complete the reports.

Chaplain was not present.

#### Committee Reports

Dance committee will meet after tonight's meeting.

Fire prevention officer reported on various projects started by mutual aid committee including husker harvest days, area special events, and helping Grand Island Rural at the Hall county fair.

#### New business

Dan made the motion, Jenie seconded for Kumke's to use the meeting room May 16th 12:00 noon to 8:00pm. Motion carried.

Discussion was held pertaining to the LODD widows have challenged every department to raise \$2000 for the Firefighter's Memorial. No action taken.

#### Announcements

Craig Falmlen will be doing CPR class Sunday March 22nd 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Shelton with the Shelton fire department will be charging \$15 per person. Help needed.

April 6th training will be wildland fires guest speakers from the Nature Conservancy will be putting the program on.

April 4th fire chiefs meeting in Ainsworth, anyone can attend.

April 5th rural board supper at the fire station 6:00pm social hour 7:00 meal.

With there being no further business meeting was adjourned by president Dvorak at approximately 2230.

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#### Wood River Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Minutes for February 16, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 pm.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes from the January 2009 Meeting were approved as read.

Lee Burkhardt visited and provided some very timely information regarding planning ahead for the real possibility of pandemic illnesses.

#### Fire Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances were reported.

Bills to be paid were announced.

Leaming gave a brief report on the accountability tags project.

Motion by Kim Buck, second by Ken Fairbanks to pay the outstanding bills. Motion carried.

#### Ambulance Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances were reported.

Bills to be paid were announced.

Motion by Craig Falmlen, second by Kim Buck to pay outstanding bills. Motion carried.

#### Fire Chief Report

Discussion about developing a call list for the school:

ie Pandemic illness, RR accidents, etc.

Maloney's will examine what will be needed to implement.

It was mentioned that Grand Island does a page alert, which sends a text message on your cell phone for calls. Recalls, also. A sign up sheet was passed and Todd King stated he would find out how much it might cost. Todd has software to make our radio's 2 channel [county fire and channel. He is studying it.

Some reminders:

Hazmat seminar in Hastings on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Well adaptors are done. Reflector tape will be added.

Alda has two accountability boards and would trade one for a small, extra generator we have.

Discussed dues for Mutual Aid group, now \$10 [possibly not updated since 2004.

Reference lights and sirens on personal vehicles: lights okay, no sirens.

April 24<sup>th</sup> [Friday] is Fire Fighter Day at Fonner Park.

#### Ambulance Captain Report:

Volunteers needed for EMT Testing on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Columbus NEMSA conference on March 13-15. See Jennie if you are planning to attend.

Discussion about Lap Top Computer:

Needs back up of hard drive.

A new Lap Top computer has been purchased.

Next significant purchase – need to replace the projector, preferably with a better one.  
Cost about \$1,000 [half ems/fire, half training].

Stated it is important to work with and expedite the school stem on the calling lists.

Wood River school is looking for CPR instructors for preschool on a Friday near 3:30 pm. Kim Buck will co-ordinate the class here at the fire house, we will decide on the day to do it.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Flores: Nothing

Dance Committee: meet after the fire meeting to set a few details.

Truck committee: Going to arbitration within the next month. Reminder that arbitration is binding.

Rural Water Supply: re: well adaptors. Will need help to assemble. Should not be too time consuming, probably a day time weekend day. 30 to 45 minutes.

Judiciary committee: \_Next meeting 2/16

New Paid Position

Accountability Tags: Under way, red and blue.

Old Business:

Holdrege Fire School report: Michaela Dvorak and Bill Leach talked about the class on thermal imaging they attended, mentioning the reflective issues during use. Chris Young spoke about the Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course – they used a simulator and had additional classwork.

IV Class: 4 nights, two Saturdays – need a minimum of 6 persons, to be held at the Holdrege Hospital. Tuition \$105 plus cost of book, through Central Community college.

Purple Tee Shirts – present and payable.

New Business:

Alda – Accountability Tag System. Motion by Todd King, second by Dan Leaming to trade generator for tag board. Motion carried.

Projector replacement: Motion by Nick Lammers to purchase. Motion failed due to lack of a second. More discussion, centering around cost and sources of funds: motion by Nick Lammers, second by Brian Hayes to purchase new projector. Motion carried.

Call list committee: committee composed of Barb Dvorak, Jenie Maloney, Cindy Huff and Mat Maloney. Motion to continue. Motion carried.

Les Luker conference: February 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Dan Leaming to attend. Motion by Nick Lammers, second by Todd King. Motion carried.

Decal/Patch : Consider. Approximate prices quoted for Helmet use. Static cling decals for vehicle windows discussed.

Shirt Patches: Tee Shirt Engineers is usual source. Approximate prices discussed.

Announcements:

Doniphan Barbeque: March 8<sup>th</sup> [Sunday] 10-2 pm.

Fire Chief Meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup> [Saturday] in Doniphan.

Station Clean-Up: Saturday afternoons at 1pm, 2/21 and 2/28.

1000 Motion to adjourn, Kim Buck, second by Bill Leach. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenni Falmlen, Secretary.

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The meeting was called to order at 2003 hours on Monday, January 19, 2009.

Roll Call was taken.

The minutes from the December 2008 meeting were approved as read.

The Fire Treasury report was given by Brian Hayes. Motion by Nick Lammers, second by Brian Hayes, motion passed.



The Ambulance report was given by Jenie Maloney. Motion by Matt Maloney, second by Shelley Urbom, motion passed.

Fire Chief report:

- \* Todd King gave pricing and availability information about collapsible, light-up traffic cones.
- \* Chris Young gave availability and pricing information about road flares.

Ambulance [Rescue] Captain report:

- \* The process for individual hired to process paperwork for the department needs to be expedited. The current form will be used and will be reviewed in a few months as will the employed person.
- \* Nick Lammers reports he purchased a GPS for 99-1 for easier location of emergency sites. Price approximately \$60. Has already placed the item in the ambulance.
- \* Discussion of the purchase of a second GPS.

Old Business:

- \* Need for and purchase of Accountability tags was discussed.
- \* Purchase of a Christmas tree and decorations was discussed and progress outlined by Barb Dvorak.
- \* Discussion about personal information packets and the need to get them completed and submitted discussed.
- \* Appreciation gift for Dr. McGahn was discussed. Moved by Todd King, second by Jenie Maloney to purchase and give: Two \$50 gift certificates to The Plainsman Restaurant in Juniata and one \$100 gift certificate to Waynes Cycle Shop. Motion carried.

Committees:

- \* Dance Committee reported the theme would be "Honoring Fallen Heroes". The committee met 01-19-09 and will be meeting again soon. The Dance is scheduled to be held at Babel's Barn on March 28th from 7-12am. There will be a free will offering, We will run the bar ourselves, munchies from any or all are welcomed. The advertisement will go to the printer soon.
- \* Fire Prevention - Discussion. Motion by Todd King, second by Amy for \$200 for the committee on Fire Prevention for new "stuff". The intent is for education for the entire community, including sharing resources with other communities, other departments, farmers and adults - not just the kids. We need to keep it fresh with new ideas and materials.
- \* Accountability Tags - Laser Works in Grand Island for \$2.45 each. Each person needs two tags, punched and attached to holder clip = approx. \$20 per person.
- \* Red light permits? Make sure your application is in your personal information packet.
- \* Truck? No progress. February 10th deadline for arbitration agreement.
- \* Training - Training held in Wood River 01-05-2009 for Wood River, Shelton, Alda, Doniphan and Phillips. Training was well attended. The next joint meeting is to be held in March so we need to gather our resources, and plan ahead.
- \* Rural Water Supply Committee - Ten or eleven wells have been identified for planned available water within the rural areas when needed for fire. The intent is to be able to replenish water in the tankers when needed without going more than two miles but new fittings are needed. All well owners will be contacted. A grant is in place, total as yet unknown for standardization for entire fire district. Motion by Brian Hayes to purchase 10 adaptors. Second motion by Dan Leaming, motion carried.

New Business:

- \* Paid position: City Council approval needed, would be a city employee. This position will be

discussed at 01-20-09 city council meeting open to the public. A committee was formed to consolidate our expectations for the position. The committee consists of: Nick Lammers, Jenie Maloney, Dan Leaming, Kim Buck and Jenni Falmlen.

\* Winter Conference

- [Kearney] Consensus is everyone would be using the same Triage Tags.
- A suggestion was made about use of safety glasses.
- Law Suit discussions centered around Abandonment issues, getting lost en route to calls, failure to complete paperwork and the use of KeyWord use as a signal to all rescue and fire participants to exit the scene immediately because for whatever reason the scene is no longer safe.
- Reminder next conference is the Spring Conference in Columbus
- \* GPS - Motion for reimbursement to Nick Lammers and purchase of a second GPS for 99-2. Purchase monies would come from Ambulance fund. Motion by Dan Leaming, second by Matt Maloney. Motion Carried.
- \* Discussion about fire fighter coins, \$1.50 each.
- \* Motion by Todd King, second by Kim Buck for three sets of collapsible traffic cones purchased from Danko. Motion carried.
- \* Discussion and acceptance of a donation of a claw box for toys from Chris young.
- \* Use of meeting room at the Fire Station : Ken Fairbanks requested use on 02-15-09 from 1000-1600 hours. Motion by Jenie, second by Roger. Motion Carried.

Announcements:

- \* SCBA Training in February in Alda. Includes fit testing.
  - \* March meal was not selected by any one family/person. The March meal will be taken care of by Bruce's. Lammers and Doanes.
  - \* Saturday Wrestling Match at Wood River High School at 0900 hours, Need coverage.
  - \* Offer of and orders taken for purple Wood River Tee Shirts.
  - \* Kim announced she was having a candle scents party from 1500-1600 hours on Saturday, January 24, 2009.
  - \* The possibility of an IV class at Holdrege was announced.
  - \* Mid-winter Fire School at Holdrege February 8, 2009 costing \$20 of paid by January 30th.
  - \* With regret, Aaron Falmlen tendered his resignation, effective immediately.
  - \* Fire Fighter I Certificates were given out to: Nate Buck, Dan Leaming, Matthew Dvorak.
  - \* Application for Membership vote on Bill Leach. Discussion. Moved by Jenni Falmlen, second by Dan Leaming. Motion Carried.
- \* Motion to adjourn at 2205 hours by Dan Leaming, second by Tim Bailey. Motion carried.