

Proceedings of the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board Meeting
Fire Station #3
W233 S7475 Woodland Lane
Monday, May 12, 2008 - 6:00 PM

These minutes are considered unofficial until approved by the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board at their next regular meeting.

Call Meeting to order.

Fire Board President Gauger called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Roll Call & Public Notice

Present: Paul Fickau, Cathy Bronk, Sadie Soneberg, Mike Doble, Sue Fischer and Marilyn Gauger. Absent: Ellen Cole and Carol Shea

Also present: Chairman Brian Paff from the Town of Vernon (arrived at 7:30 PM), Trustee Ron Peterson from the Village of Big Bend (arrived at 6:25 PM)

This meeting was noticed and posted pursuant to Open Meeting law.

President Gauger would like to clarify for the record that when she attended the Big Bend Village Board Meeting that her stating that there were no significant changes to the document of the Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines at the April 19, 2008 Special Called Fire Board Meeting were under her concept of what she views as minor or significant as far as two (2) changes from "Commission" to "Board" and a change to 0% tolerance with regards alcohol. Also, typos, i.e. "Pewaukee" to "Big Bend Vernon" and punctuation i.e. commas and periods.

Comments from citizens present –

John Maney has a question regarding the verbiage in the Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines vs. the wording of the Department of Commerce, Comm 30 Fire Department Safety and Health Standards and what is the correct language regarding the facial hair.

John Maney also wants to re-review the administrative section of the Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines that were presented at the April 19, 2008 Special Fire Board Meeting.

William Craig would like to know if there is going to be some sort of glossary for this Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines document and maybe an Appendix.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and review of the remaining sections of the Big Bend Vernon Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines

Changes to the administrative section presented at the April 19, 2008 Special Fire Board Meeting were re-visited with the help of Citizen John Maney regarding the facial hair wording in Comm 30, Exhibit A – Fire Chief Job Description, Exhibit B – Minimum Requirements for Full-Time Fire Chief, and the Fire Chief letter of instructions to applicants. *(Further discussion revealed that the Fire Chief and Fire Board office did not have the correct copy of the Big Bend Vernon Fire Commission Rules, Regulations and Guidelines and President Gauger will work with John Maney on this to get it cleared up)*

Discussion ensued on the remaining sections of the Big Bend Vernon Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines with Citizen William Craig helping the Board to clear up capital letters, dashes, commas, hyphens, alignment of paragraphs, and rewording of verbiage.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on legal review, costs, and cost sharing related to the Big Bend Vernon Fire Department Rules, Regulations and Guidelines by the Town of Vernon and Village of Big Bend.

President Gauger asked Town Chairman Brian Paff if there had been any discussion in regards to the legal review and cost sharing of attorney fees and Chairman Paff stated there was no resolution yet and he prefers that the Fire Board send these Rules and Regulations to Attorney Macy first before the Boards see them and hold this document until after the June meeting in the Village and Town.

Motion made by Bronk and seconded by Fischer to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Bauer, Fire Board Secretary/Treasurer

Approved on June 23, 2008 and distributed to Fire Commission, Village of Big Bend and Town of Vernon on June 25, 2008.