

FAIRDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: December 9, 2024, COMMITTEE: Board of Trustee

PLACE: Station 1

CHAIR: Ron Weston

TIME: 7:00 pm

RECORDER: Melanie Coomer

PRESENT: Scott Clark, Mindy Stoess, Luke Rhode, Chad Gardner, Rick Johnstone, Josh Underwood, Carrie Blevins, Josh Mouser, Troy Newkirk

ABSENT: James Longacre

Topic/Agenda Item	Significant Findings/Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation	Action/Follow-up
<b>CALLED TO ORDER</b>	Chairman Ron Weston called the Fairdale Fire Department Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.		
<b>UPS</b>	<p>Timothy Eifler, Michael Francisconi, and Justin Heckel brought a proposal before the board for a Foreign Trade Zone Agreement between UPS and Fairdale Fire Department.</p> <p>Mr. Eifler distributed a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement, a PowerPoint presentation, and 2 Jefferson County Property Tax notices concerning the property to be discussed.</p> <p>They are asking the board to approve the execution of a pilot agreement and as a part of that the issuance of a letter needed to activate 2 properties that are in the fire district to foreign trade zones. 2024 tax notice was missing from one location.</p> <p>A foreign trade zone will allow UPS to import materials without having to pay larger taxes. If you activate a foreign trade zone, all inventories in the zone are exempt from state and local taxes. In Kentucky, all personal property in the zone is exempt from state and local taxes. With activation, it doesn't have any impact on real estate. Land, and buildings, remain in the tax rolls but the inventory and the equipment remain exempt and because of that exemption the federal government says that it is required to have a letter of nonobjection.</p> <p>The proposal in this agreement is a contract that says every year UPS will calculate what the value would be, take the current tax rate is, multiply it and remit a payment to the Fire Department.</p> <p>Mr. Gardner brought up the need to know the items in the building for the safety of the firefighters. Also, if they are exempt from taxation from personal property items, how will their value be</p>		

	<p>calculated? How is the calculation going to be made? They will provide the department every year with the calculations.</p> <p>There was a discussion on changes to the Agreement regarding reservation to revoke the letter and termination of the agreement.</p>		
	<b>A motion was made to go to Executive Session</b>		
	<p>Discussed in Executive Session was the contract proposal from UPS about the free trade zone.</p> <p>Make a motion that the Board consents to the nonobjection letter to the FTZ as long as 1. The department will financially be made whole for as long as the property is there or as long as the zone exists 2. Subject to the approval of the council on the agreement language and letter.</p>	<b>Motion to end Executive Session: Scott Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rick Johnstone</b>	
<b>UPS</b>	<p>Several questions:</p> <p>Can the fire marshal come in yearly to do an inspection and can the department come in for training? Foreign Trade Zone does not change regulations for Fire/Police/EMS</p> <p>Is there a tangible tax on inventory shipped from overseas? No, it is exempt</p>		
	A motion was made to accept the agreement from UPS. The Board was polled and each Board Member voted yes.		
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November board meeting.	<b>Mot. - Scott Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Mindy Stoess</b>	Motion passed with no objections
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>			
<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	Republic Bank General Checking \$101,926.31, General ICS account (3.75%) \$2,709,007.57, Payroll Account \$142,477.23, Reserve account \$1.00, Excess from operating ICS (reserve) 3.75% \$2,532,838.82, Peak Performance \$1.00, Current year tax ICS 3.75% \$927.38, Total monies \$5,387,179.31. A motion was made to accept the financial report.	<b>Mot. - Scott Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Mindy Stoess</b>	Motion passed with no objections
<b>INVOICES TO BE PAID</b>	Luke Rhode presented the Invoices to be Paid for approval in the amount of \$145,788.17.	<b>Mot. - Scott Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>. - Rick Johnstone</b>	Motion passed with no objections
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>			
<b>Q-82 (9053)</b>	<p>Underwood – Quint 82 is still in the shop. Chief McIntosh met with the striper and we are shooting for the end of this month to get it ready.</p> <p>(1) The ladder is getting tested on 12/20</p>	<b>Informational</b>	Informational

<b>AUDIT</b>	The auditor came out and spent 4 hours going over paperwork. He said everything looks good. He is supposed to have a draft by the end of this month of the end of January.	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>			
<b>Hyland &amp; KEMI Insurance Renewal</b>	Chief Blevins distributed the KEMI information in which she highlighted the changes in cost. Package (property/vehicle insurance) which increased this year.  Workman's Comp, however, decreased significantly.  Overall, down \$4,000. It may decrease more since the Quint has been removed.	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>2025 HSA Contributions</b>	HSA contributions went up for federal so the max contribution for families is \$8550 and the max for employee is \$4300. If we pay for all 16 it will be \$119,800. We just need the board approval,	<b>Motion: Troy Newkirk 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mindy Stoess</b>	Motion passed with no objections
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>			
<b>TRAINING OFFICE</b>	Stephen introduced himself as the new Training Officer.	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE</b>	Nothing new to report, more training to come. Moving along with inspections	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>S.O.G. COMMITTEE</b>	Chief Bleving is currently working on 3 policies	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>TRUCK COMMITTEE</b>	It is still being worked on. The target date is Spring	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>FINANCIAL COMMITTEE</b>	We got numbers today for next year's budget. We should have a deposit tomorrow. The budget did go up \$176,000 for the next fiscal year.	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>BUILDING/GROUNDS</b>	The high school is continuing to do work on the grounds. They cut the ditch out beside the station. Rain and cold have hampered the work.	<b>Informational</b>	Informational
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion was made to adjourn the meeting	<b>Mot. - Luke Rhode 2<sup>nd</sup>.- Mindy Stoess</b>	Motion passed with no objections

Respectfully submitted,

MELANIE COOMER

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Secretary of the Board