



**Antonia Fire  
Protection District  
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Barnhart, MO 63012  
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**Board of Directors  
Preston C. Haglin, Chairman  
John G. Whitelaw, Secretary/Treasurer**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OPEN SESSION  
AFPD #2  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013  
6:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Director Preston Haglin	Director John Whitelaw	Attorney Frank Vatterott
Admin Linda Stewart	Chief John Newsome	BC Steve Godsey
Cpt. Mike Nivens	Cpt. Scott Nengel	Cpt. Mike Matzker
Lori Buehler, Visitor	Brad Steinkamp, Visitor	Don & Brenda Dankel, Visitors
Fran Newkirk, Visitor	Gail Shorney, Visitor	Peggy Scott, Leader Newspaper
Delmar Pagel	Rebecca Leonard, Visitor	Richard & Karen Williams, Visitors
Charles Groeteke, Visitor	John Passmore, Visitor	Jack Rothweiler, Castle Home Inspectors
Krista Wysong, Visitor	Grant Hartmann, Visitor	Mitch & Sarah Godsey, Visitors
David Hartmann, Visitor	Cpt. Matt Krutzsch	FF Chris Senter
FF Bobby Chrisco	FF Eric Sadl	FF Thomas Wampler
Kurt Schmittgens, Visitor	Carolyn Schmittgens, Visitor	FF Kyle Schnable
FF Ben Ortals-Steinkamp	Dennis Schnable, Visitor	

Director Haglin called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Roll call of Board of Directors was made: Director Whitelaw - present, Director Haglin - present.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood, faced the flag, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***Motion was made by John Whitelaw, seconded by Preston Haglin, and passed unanimously to approve agenda for September 17, 2013.***

**D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

***Motion was made by Preston Haglin, seconded by John Whitelaw, and passed unanimously to approve open regular meeting minutes for September 3, 2013.***

***Motion was made by Preston Haglin, seconded by John Whitelaw, and passed unanimously to approve closed regular meeting minutes for September 3, 2013.***

**E. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND DISCUSSION OF THEIR ISSUES:**

**Comments and Questions from Visitors:**

**1) Fran Newkirk:**

- a. Burning permits and eliminating DNR rules for such
- b. #1 House – why put money into when it sits in a floodplain especially when did own a
- c. House on hill for this reason (6409 Old Lemay Ferry Road) – sold at an \$82,000 loss
- d. Boards



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- 2) **Gail Shorney:**
  - a. Existing home inspections with her home as an example – fireplace that could endanger future owner. Now, in these instances, is it just the ‘buyer beware’ principle?
  - b. Open burning permits – she lives in Springbrook Farm area and fears this as she is surrounded by vacant, weeded land; if there were a fire, she would have to drive through the fire to escape.
  - c. Homeowners insurance – she fears will go up when they realize we’re not doing inspections/permits
  - d. Procedures and rules are needed to protect especially those in the densely populated areas
  - e. What are the credentials of the new training officer; wasn’t there someone at AFPD that could have filled that position?
- 3) **Kathy Kramer:**
  - a. Corruption – Why did Director Haglin go to Tea Party meeting and announce that Antonia Fire is corrupt? How is that?
- 4) **John Passmore:**
  - a. Burn permits – He lives in Parkton, it’s densely populated; he sees the burn permits as a way of educating people
  - b. Ozone area
- 5) **Carolyn Schmittgens:**
  - a. Burn permits – She lives in Oak Crest Estates; surrounded by densely wooded areas. They have experienced two large fires since living there where neighbors were burning, their fire got out of hand, and the hillsides were burning.
  - b. Boards – She asked was he trying to ruin Antonia Fire as she had seen he had done this in the past to other boards he sat on.
- 6) **Jack Rothweiler, Castle Home Inspection:**
  - a. Home inspections – He is not from this area, but he has worked with the fire district in many instances and thinks they do a great job in what they are doing. Without the fire inspections, he sees it will be “buyer beware” as stated by a speaker prior.
- 7) **Lori Buehler:**
  - a. Ethics of a Two-Man Board – She stated that she questions this and doesn’t think it looks good especially since the two men are neighbors.
- 8) **Carrie Elfrank:**
  - a. Antonia Fire – She has grown up here in the area; Antonia Fire has always been an amazing fire department and has felt just like family. Now, it feels as if the board is tearing her family apart.
- 9) **Krista Wysong:**
  - a. What is your agenda? She asked this of Director Haglin.
- 10) **Loran Maloney Letter:**
  - a. Director Haglin read the letter submitted prior to the meeting.
- 11) **Ollie Martin:**
  - a. Rules & Regulation – Questioned throwing out Rules & Regulations, stopping burning permits and inspections. He stated we have rules because a lot of people don’t have any common sense.
- 12) **Delmar Pagel:**
  - a. Board is jeopardizing the citizens of Antonia Fire Protection District.
- 13) **Brad Steinkamp:**
  - a. New Training Officer – Wonders how he knows Director Haglin
  - b. Consultant – Why hire at \$75 per hour for two to three months; that’s a lot of money.
- 14) **Female Visitor:**
  - a. Does Mr. Whitelaw have anything to say?



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### **Comments and Answers from Director Haglin:**

- 1) **Bonfires:** DNR regulations are still in place. We just will not police when people want to have a weenie roast.
- 2) **Consultant:** We hired a retired firefighter, at \$75 per hour, to look at the entire operations of AFPD; at a cost probably less than \$4,000. He is not full-time.
- 3) **#1 House in a Floodplain:** We want to raise the roof to accommodate the present trucks we now have for a cost of about \$225,000 instead of buying a new truck that would cost \$600,000.
- 4) **6409 Old Lemay Ferry Road:** We sold the house for what we could get (\$25,000) since it had been purchased for \$117,000, stripped by the prior owner, and it has been told to him that it could have been bought for half that price on the courthouse steps if we hadn't wanted to buy Steinkamp's house before it went to foreclosure. Also, Director Haglin stated he had been told originally that it sat on three acres, but in fact it only sat on 1.3 acres.
- 5) **Residential Inspections:** We were seen as the most abusive fire district in Jefferson County; that is why we had special legislation aimed directly against us.
- 6) **Burn Permits:** We are not police; we are firefighters.
- 7) **Community Board:** After the consultant submits his findings, we will setup a community committee to evaluate.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Board Ratified Clifton Lewis's Resignation:**  
*Motion made by John Whitelaw, seconded by Preston Haglin, and passed unanimously to ratify the previous resignation of Clifton Lewis, effective August 23, 2013.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Discussion of Bid for Fast Attack Vehicle:**  
Vehicle's main use would be EMS calls; would carry firefighting and rescue equipment; light firefighting duties. It's an F450 frame with unibody bed and a 200 gallon tank, similar to UASI fire pump. Pacific Fire has this same vehicle. Specs set for October 15<sup>th</sup> bid opening.  
*Motion made by Preston Haglin, seconded by John Whitelaw, and passed unanimously to approve bid notice to purchase a fast attack vehicle.*
- B. **Report of Volunteer Program:** See Chief Newsome's report submitted and filed with board records.
- 32 active volunteers; some we see more than others as with any community group. Have had two resignations since the mandatory volunteer meeting.
  - Director Whitelaw asked if they are all getting their drive time? Chief answered that they are and will be having a driver/operator class through November.
- C. **Report of Search And Rescue Program:** See Chief Newsome's report submitted and filed with board records.
- Fran Newkirk asked shouldn't she be the one reporting on the team since she is President? Director Haglin stated she should report to Chief Newsome.
- Motion made by Preston Haglin, seconded by John Whitelaw, and passed unanimously to assign Cpt. Scott Nengel as Command for this team.*

