

Regular Meeting
November 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Dan Keck, and Trustee Jeffrey Lockard. Absent: Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza, Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/20/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Lockard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Village Trustee Robert Mrugacz introduced himself to the Board of Trustees, stating that he has been appointed as the representative liaison between the Village of Winfield and the Winfield Fire Protection District. The Board welcomed Mr. Mrugacz and thanked him for his assistance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October. As of 10/31/09, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and working capital CD was \$1,269,233.72. After deposits of \$114,930.60, disbursements of \$219,458.46, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,164,705.86. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,965,070.52, giving a total of all funds of \$3,129,776.38. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that the Annual Audit was completed, and each Board Member received a copy in their packet. The audit was filed with the County already as well.

The hydrant agreement with the Village of Winfield was passed by the Village Board and is on the agenda under Old Business.

The NIAFPD conference is coming up in February. All Board Members have received information on that event.

Chief DiMenza informed the Board that he received the Plan and Proposal for Services from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

The new Pierce fire engine is still on schedule for delivery in April of 2010.

Chief DiMenza then informed the Board of Trustees that Commissioner William Bell, who is the current Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, will be resigning from the Commission,

as he accepted a Fire Chief's position in Texas. The Board will need to find a replacement for him on the Commission.

At the December meeting of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, Chief DiMenza will be sworn in as the President of MFCA.

Because of the full agenda this evening, Chief DiMenza decided to forego the scheduled presentation tonight and have Lt. Daly speak at the December meeting on the Arson Task Force. Then Lt. Roman will give a presentation on the EMS Division.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the part-time Lieutenant's testing will begin next month. He hoped to have two recommendations to bring to the next meeting.

The Educare Center by Indian Knoll School was abandoned, so there will be no more movement on that.

The administration is in the process of conducting a large part-time hire. Since the PSI contract is expiring in May of 2010, the goal will be to hire about eight (8) part-time FF II/Paramedics to help fill those shifts.

Deputy Chief Lewis then stated that the District is looking to switch to radio fire alarm systems rather than phone lines. Since AT&T is raising their rates for dedicated circuits, he and Chief DiMenza are working with some radio alarm contractors to switch our dedicated circuits over to radio. That will be a savings for the District of about \$40 to \$50 per month. Radio alarms in general reduce the number of false alarms, and they provide better communication.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler deferred his report to Old Business for the hydrant agreement with the Village of Winfield.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 276 Ambulance Billing Ordinance was revised to include a helicopter transport fee of \$200.00 in order to bill patients' insurance for that service. Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 276, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor by roll call vote.

Chief DiMenza stated that he spoke with Ty Loomis, Village of Winfield Water Department Superintendent, and assuming the hydrant agreement gets passed by this Board tonight, Chief DiMenza will meet with Mr. Loomis to implement a plan for this process. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to pass the Hydrant Agreement between the Village of Winfield and the Winfield Fire Protection District, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor. Trustee Saas expressed appreciation to the Village of Winfield for working with the Fire District on this issue for the safety of the residents.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for October as well as a thank you letter. There being no discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

New Business: FF Jason Brunke and FF Matthew Smith were sworn in by Secretary Saas as full-time probationary firefighter/paramedics. The Board and audience congratulated both firefighters on their accomplishment.

Deputy Chief Lewis reviewed his memorandum regard the request to purchase three (3) thermal imaging cameras and equipment. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to authorize the purchases requested at a cost of \$19,200.00, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor by roll call vote.

Trustee Keck gave an update on the DuPage Trustee Organization, stating that the next meeting is this coming Thursday at Lisle-Woodridge Station #1. There will be a presentation on the proposed layout of the organization. He stated that the organization is looking at no more than \$200.00 to get started for the administrative costs. At Attorney Weiler's recommendation, Trustee Saas made a motion to appoint Trustee Keck to be the voice of the Board of Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Trustee Saas made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Tax Levy Ordinance No. 277 for fiscal year ending 4/30/10 for Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., just prior to the Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for September was presented reflecting a total of \$51,937.21. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being nothing further, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary