

Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, and Trustee Jenny Saylor.
Absent: Trustee Cliff Mortenson

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza, Attorney Laura Julien and Trustee Candidate Randall Simpson.

Trustee Saas made a motion to appoint Randall Simpson to the Board to fill the vacancy recently created, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saas then administered the Trustee Oath of Office to Mr. Simpson.

Election of Officers: President Klage entertained motions for candidates to fill the Office of Treasurer. Trustee Saas nominated Trustee Saylor. There being no other nominations, Trustee Saas made a motion to elect Trustee Saylor to the office of Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

President Klage entertained motions for candidates to fill the Office of Secretary. Trustee Saylor nominated Trustee Saas. There being no other nominations, Trustee Saylor made a motion to elect Trustee Saas to the office of Secretary, seconded by President Klage. All in favor.

President Klage entertained motions for candidates to fill the Office of President. Trustee Saas nominated Trustee Klage. There being no other nominations, Trustee Saas made a motion to elect Trustee Klage to the office of President, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing of 12/16/14 and the Regular Meeting of 12/16/14 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saylor made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Saylor reviewed the Treasurer's Report for 12/31/14, which was provided in advance of the meeting. As of 12/31/14, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,549,035.40. After deposits of \$67,980.94 and disbursements of \$205,617.98, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,411,398.36. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,273,741.33 (\$604,740.76 for Capital Projects and \$669,000.57 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,685,139.69. There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Deferred to New Business.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: None

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for December. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

New Business: Chief DiMenza introduced IT Representative Bob Mangan, who discussed Chief DiMenza's memorandum and the upcoming hardware and software needs of the District. Since no major computer purchases have been made in many years and some equipment is no longer supported and could cost data loss, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$29,874.00 to upgrade the necessary equipment and software, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor by roll call vote.

Chief DiMenza reviewed his memorandum regarding Salary Ordinance No. 308, stating that the only substantive change is that those members of the Collective Bargaining Unit have been removed from the Salary Schedule so that there is no conflicting information. In addition, the last year of the Salary Schedule was removed so that the CBA and the Salary Ordinance are up for review again at the same time. There being no questions or changes, Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 308, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

The 2015/2016 Tentative Budget was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Chief DiMenza reminded the Board that these numbers are only in tentative form and may change prior to the adoption of the final budget. Trustee Saylor made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. A notice will be published in the newspaper stating that the Tentative Budget will be made available to the public for at least 30 days, and a Public Hearing will be set for April 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. just prior to the Regular Meeting.

Chief DiMenza stated that at the last meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Board reviewed and discussed the recommended qualification and expectations provided by Trustee Mortenson. The Board concluded that the requirement of 30 hours of college credit should be removed, stating that not every paramedic program is provided through an accredited college where college credits can be obtained. Additionally, the required paramedic license and the Basic Firefighter Certification requirement are the approximate equivalent of 30 hours of college credit. The Board was concerned that requiring the 30 hours of college credit in addition to that would limit the number of eligible applicants. The Board will, however, continue to provide preference points for a college degree. With regard to the rank of Lieutenant, the Board decided to remove the language regarding a required FFIII or Advanced Firefighter certificate, since that certification is already a prerequisite for obtaining the required Fire Officer I certification and is redundant. In addition, the word "Provisional" will be removed from the Fire Officer I Certification so the wording matches that of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Board of Fire Commissioners, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chief DiMenza stated late Trustee Dan Keck was a member of the DuComm Executive Board, and with his passing, there is now an opening on that Board. Therefore, DuComm is soliciting each Fire District agency that is a member of DuComm to fill that position. If any of the Winfield FPD

Trustees are interested in participating on that Board, they are asked to please contact Brian Tegtmeier of DuComm to provide their information.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for December was presented reflecting a total of \$109,826.19. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary