

Regular Meeting  
January 21, 2014

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Saas at 7:37 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza and Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis, and Attorney Jessica Briney.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12/17/13 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Keck made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 12/31/13 in advance of the meeting. As of 12/31/13, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,378,478.24. After deposits of \$82,782.76 and disbursements of \$170,672.89, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,290,588.11. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,140,811.07 (\$557,699.76 for Capital Projects and \$583,111.31 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,431,399.18. There being no further discussion, Trustee Mortenson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: At the request of the Board, Chief DiMenza provided a written summary comparing various aspects of the surrounding fire districts.

Deputy Chief Lewis informed the Board that he will not be in attendance at the February meeting, as he will be at a MABAS Conference. So if anyone needs anything from him for that meeting, they will need to contact him ahead of time.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session.

Old Business: Trustee Keck gave some thought since the last meeting with regard to some decisions that were made to hire additional full-time firefighters, and he now feels as if it may have been a decision to reduce services to the community. Consequently, he struggles continuously to see what it will take to get the District in front of the voters in terms of a referendum and see what the voters want. Since consolidation is not looking favorable based on the information given by Chief DiMenza and tax dollars are the only sustainable income, he asked the Board what the District is going to do in order to obtain that sustainable income for the future.

Trustee Saas stated that in order for him to be in favor of a referendum, he would like to see a handful of residents from different areas of the District that are not only convinced that the District needs a referendum but that are also willing to physically and verbally support the cause, whether it be by walking districts, writing letters to the editor, etc. In that scenario, he stated he would only support a referendum for additional personnel and opening the South Side station at this point, but not in favor of moving the headquarters station without having someone to purchase the current

property. Trustee Saylor agreed with that position as well. Trustee Mortenson stated that he attended the last Village Board meeting, and the Fire District was a topic of conversation for a short period of time. He said that the Village Board was going to approach the Fire District Board about how the Village, the Hospital and the Fire District can work together to get the Fire District off of the current location.

Trustee Mortenson spoke again about conducting a Citizen's Fire Academy as a way of community outreach, and suggested that having a couple of them each year would be an excellent way of allowing the citizens to get an idea what firefighters face during any given emergency. Trustee Saylor asked Chief DiMenza to contact IRMA to see what the liability would be for that type of event. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion that the Board give Trustee Mortenson authorization to work with the Chiefs and FF Ed Troutman to put together a program and report back to the Board for final approval. That motion was seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Trustee Keck made a motion that the Board put a referendum on the ballot in 18 months and have the response Time Committee put together a plan of action, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. Deputy Chief Lewis clarified some of West Chicago FPD's financial information. He also spoke about School District 200 seeking a referendum in the future and that they sent out a notice to all of the residents informing them that the School District will be holding an Open Forum once a month at various schools in order to get input from the residents. Deputy Chief Lewis felt that the Fire District should continue to have regular open forum meetings with the residents to get their input and feedback as well. Motion carried by majority vote.

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

New Business: With regard to Salary Ordinance No. 302, Deputy Chief Lewis discussed the proposed changes that were made and why. There being no questions, Trustee Keck made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 302 as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor by roll call vote.

The 2014/2015 Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for January was presented reflecting a total of \$55,575.11. Trustee Keck 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 Keck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Phillip A. Saas, President Pro Tem

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary