

Regular Meeting
February 15, 2011

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, Trustee Jeffrey Lockard, and Trustee Jenny Saylor.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing of 1/18/11 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

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Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for January. As of 1/31/11, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,016,725.25. After deposits of \$53,121.15 and disbursements of \$302,713.17, the ending balance for those accounts was \$767,136.23. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,063,518.41 (\$922,614.06 for Capital Projects and \$344,407.13 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$1,830,654.64.

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 stated that the wireless alarm system installation is moving along steadily.

In addition, he stated that the DuPage County West Suburban Alliance is continuing to meet every Friday, and he hopes to have an update to bring to the Board at the April or May meeting.

With regard to the snow storm, Chief DiMenza informed the Board that he hired back extra personnel to be better prepared, and everything went smoothly.

Winfield's ambulance responded to a Wheaton call last week for a woman who had just delivered a baby. So Chief DiMenza wanted to commend Ed Troutman and Greg Zudis for a job well done on that call.

Chief DiMenza also commended West Chicago personnel on their response to a call at his grandson's mother's house. The mother's father had a heart attack that very people ever survive, and West Chicago paramedics were able to save him.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the new pick-up truck was completed last week and should be delivered very soon.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: Trustee Keck discussed the budget and stated that while it's not an immediate concern, he wanted the Board and the administration to be aware that the budgeted revenue from ambulance billing has been over-estimated during the last couple of years. So he felt it should be looked at a little more closely during the next couple of budget years to see if that amount needs to be modified.

Also, while attending the NIAFPD Conference last week, Trustee Keck learned that it is recommended that Districts incorporate an income line item for "Grant Anticipation Funds" as well as an expense line item for the same dollar amount so that if a grant is awarded during the budget year, it can be properly allocated. If there is no grant awarded, neither line items is used. In addition, Robin was asked to double check with the auditor to be sure that this practice is acceptable to him.

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

New Business: Ordinance No. 285, Identity Protection Ordinance for the Winfield Fire Protection District, was distributed by Attorney Weiler. There being no discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt Ordinance no. 285, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Trustee Keck stated that there is a possibility that the District may be in a position to acquire some land during the 2011/2012 budget year. Since the District does not have enough cash on hand to purchase it out right, he suggested trying to float a 3-year loan with the builder or something along those lines. In addition, in order to provide for this purchase with respect to the budget, he recommended adding a line item in the income portion for whatever dollar amount is appropriate, and creating an expense line item for that same dollar amount. If the acquisition does not occur, neither line item would be utilized. This was also something Robin was asked to get an opinion from the auditor on.

In addition, Trustee Keck felt that even if the property acquisition is successful, it could very well be over five years before a new station gets built on that property. In the meantime, he felt that it is important to make sure the current building is renovated in such a way as to provide decent living and working conditions for the staff. After discussion, Deputy Chief Lewis stated that he and Chief DiMenza will work on getting reasonably priced drawings prepared and some solid quotes on what it would cost to renovate the upstairs living quarters.

Trustee Saas informed the Board that, while the old grass fire truck is not for sale, he was approached by an individual who had expressed an interest in purchasing it if it becomes available.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for January was presented reflecting a total of \$23,838.36. There being no questions, 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 for open session, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary