

Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2012

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 Jenny Saylor, and Trustee Jeffrey Lockard.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/17/12 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for January. As of 1/31/12, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$759,447.18. After deposits of \$187,795.77 and disbursements of \$183,502.86, the ending balance for those accounts was \$763,740.09. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,400,163.47 (\$978,136.53 for Capital Projects and \$422,026.94 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,163,903.56. Chief DiMenza and Treasurer Keck met with Ralph Trecchia of Winfield Community Bank to discuss the financial soundness of the bank. After discussion about that meeting, the Board is satisfied that the District funds are appropriately collateralized and secure. There being no further questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza introduced Chief Berk and Deputy Chief Schultz from the Wheaton Fire Department to the Board.

Chief DiMenza then requested a deviation from the check-stamping policy for the health insurance check, which occurs monthly for the same amount. Because those invoices typically arrive after the Board Meeting, it seems unnecessary to ask two Board Members to come back to simply sign a check for a recurring expense. So he would like to be able to stamp signatures on that check, even though it is above the \$5,000.00 threshold. Trustee Keck made a motion to allow the stamping of signatures on the monthly check for the health insurance premiums, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis just returned from the MABAS Conference, where he spoke with the Illinois State Fire Marshal and was told that their office has written a draft of the 2012 Life Safety Code. This new edition will now include a required home residential sprinkler system for new construction. The Governor typically follows the advice of the State Fire Marshal, and it looks as if this requirement is going to pass, making it a requirement for any new single-family homes to have sprinkler systems.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler deferred part of his report to Executive Session. He did some research to determine the level of liability protection for each Trustee, and he stated that each Board Member has a bond that is required by State Statute, which protects the public from malfeasance, as

well as an errors and omissions policy that covers the Board Members from anything other than tort liability, slander, etc.

Old Business: With regard to the Strategic Plan, Trustee Saas gave a summary of the Public Relations Committee to the Board, and Trustee Keck reviewed the discussions of the Response Time Committee. One of the items discussed at the Response Time Committee Meeting was the possibility of remodeling Station #1, so there is a need to bring an architect in to do a feasibility study. It was agreed that even if the District purchase property in six months, there isn't adequate funding available to build a new firehouse right now. As an alternative, the Board would like to pursue perhaps updating the current station. After discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to have the Chiefs contact the architect to get a conceptual number on a design proposal to see how much that endeavor would cost. That motion was seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

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

New Business: Chief Berk gave a brief presentation on the Alliance, how it began and where it is today, including how DuComm's dispatching procedures. After the presentation, Trustee Saylor confirmed with Chief Berk that the Alliance is currently for fire responses only.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for February was presented reflecting a total of \$91,266.20. Trustee Keck made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Saylor asked Attorney Weiler if he could be prepared at the next meeting to discuss some of the legislative updates that were discussed at the NIAFPD Conference.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to recess to Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor. The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary