

Regular Meeting
February 18, 2014

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:32 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 Jenny Saylor. Absent: Trustee Cliff Mortenson.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/21/14 were distributed prior to the meeting. After some changes, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 1/31/14 in advance of the meeting. As of 1/31/14, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,290,588.11. After deposits of \$86,506.67 and disbursements of \$332,619.93, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,044,474.85. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,141,705.77 (\$558,177.04 for Capital Projects and \$583,528.74 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,186,180.62. There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Treasurer Keck asked Attorney Briney if the District is allowed to invest in instruments other than CD's or a Money Market. And if it is something available to the District, would the Board want him to pursue, even knowing that those funds may need to be in a long-term instruments for a higher return. Attorney Briney stated that she did not have the answer to that question, but she would look into it.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza attended an open meeting at Carol Stream Fire Protection District between West Chicago Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and the Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. After reviewing the items on the Agenda and summarizing much of the discussion, Chief DiMenza stated that Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board of Trustees indicated that they are not interested at this time in consolidating with West Chicago, they are pleased with the way the Alliance is working, and they are not in favor of sharing their Chiefs with another jurisdiction. In addition, Attorney Karl Ottosen confirmed that in the event that two jurisdictions wanted to consolidate, they would each need a referendum to make that happen and tax rates would definitely be affected.

Trustee Keck stated that the Mayors and Managers conference has a stakeholders committee on fire consolidation that was put together by Dan Kronin, and that group has been meeting. Trustee Keck is the President of the DuPage Fire District Association, and about 6 months ago, the committee was told to quit meeting and to get a report together. So next week is the meeting where the presentation is going to be made of the subcommittee of the committee to do the consolidation. He noted, however, that during the Power Point presentation that was delivered, the word "cooperation" was used in place of consolidation, as those involved know that it is going to be a lot more difficult to accomplish consolidation than anyone realizes.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Briney provided the Board with the registration form and release form for the Citizen's Fire Academy.

Old Business: FF Ed Troutman gave a presentation on what he has prepared for the Citizen's Fire Academy so far. He stated that he would like at least one of the Trustees to attend at least the first class to welcome participants as well as the graduation. After review of the information, Attorney Briney stated that she will amend the form to change the minimum age for participation to be 19 years old. After further review and discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to move forward with the Academy, seconded by President Klage. All in favor.

With regard to the Strategic Plan, Trustee Keck stated that the committee did not meet last month, so they will be meeting before the March board meeting to develop some thought process and approaches to a referendum, etc. He further reminded the Board that it has been two years since the inception of the Strategic Plan and there has not been a lot of movement thus far.

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: Trustee Saas stated that he and Trustee Saylor attended the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection District Conference in Lombard recently, and a lot of good information was received.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for February was presented reflecting a total of \$104,667.83. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Saas asked where things stood with the wireless alarm system issue. Chief DiMenza stated that he is scheduled to meet with Attorney Weiler this week to discuss that.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary