

Regular Meeting
March 17, 2009

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Thomas Duhig, Treasurer Beeson, Trustee Gary Muehlfelt, and Trustee William Thar.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/17/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Thar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Phil Saas thanked the Board for all of their time and effort, especially with the election coming up. He stated that he knew first hand how much work goes into being on a board such as this, and he appreciated their commitment.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Beeson reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February. As of 2/28/09, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$894,953.10. After deposits of \$21,649.14, disbursements of \$157,544.71, the ending balance for those accounts was \$759,057.53. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund Money Markets was \$133,056.64, and the balance for the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund CD's was \$1,400,819.87. There being no questions, Trustee Duhig made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that since the District was awarded the FEMA grant, all of the equipment has been received, and training has been ongoing. The transfer of funds into the District account should be received within the next couple of days, and the District's portion of this purchase is around \$6,000.00.

Chief DiMenza next stated that after completion of the psychological and polygraph tests of the remaining individuals on the eligibility list, one candidate successfully passed those components to fill one of the three vacancies as of May 1, 2009. Another full-time testing process will be started immediately in order to fill the remaining two vacancies. FF Paul Karum will be sworn in at the April meeting as a full-time firefighter/paramedic and FF Timothy Roman will be sworn in as a Lieutenant at the same time.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the parking deck at Central Dupage Hospital is due to be completed around April 1, 2009, after a final walk-through. Once the Hospital receives their occupancy permit for the parking deck, they will begin work on the bed pavillion, which has a target date of November 2011.

Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis will be going to Appleton, Wisconsin, on Thursday to look at tanker specifications. Their goal is to come to the April meeting with a completed set of specifications.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler deferred his report to Executive Session.

Old Business: Deputy Chief Lewis next spoke about the 1981 Mack Fire Engine. Given the inability to sell this engine locally, he was requesting Board authorization to contract with Fire Tec, who sold the American LaFrance, to sell it through their agency. The Fire Tec representative recommended asking \$10,000 to \$12,000, with room for negotiation, and they would be entitled to 10% of the selling price. Trustee Beeson made a motion to authorize the sale of the 1981 Mack through Fire Tec, set a price for \$12,000 and if lower offers are received, those offers are to be brought back to the Board for final action. That motion was seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for February as well as thank-you notes. After discussing the thank you notes, Trustee Duhig made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

New Business: Trustee Klage spoke about a meeting between Central DuPage Hospital, Chief DiMenza, Deputy Chief Lewis and himself to discuss the agreements between the Hospital and the District. Following that meeting, the Hospital indicated that they will increase their contribution by 14%, bringing it up to \$200,000.00

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for March was presented reflecting a total of \$142,381.59. After discussion, Trustee Beeson made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Duhig asked about the hydrant testing agreement, and Trustee Klage stated that the agreement was sent over to the Village for their review. Chief DiMenza stated that it has been discussed with several Village Trustees, and there are some opinions amongst those Trustees that if repairs become necessary as a result of poor infrastructure during the testing of the hydrants, the District should pay for those repairs. Given those opinions, both the Chief and Deputy Chief felt that it would be best to wait until after the election and address it with the new administration. The Board agreed that if the Village was unwilling to pay for repairs of poor infrastructure, the Fire District will not be testing the hydrants. Cliff Mortenson agreed that if there is a problem with any of the hydrants due to neglect and disrepair, the Village ought to pay for those repairs.

There being nothing further for open session, Trustee Thar made a motion to move into Executive Session for purposes of discussing pending litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Trustee Beeson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary