

Public Hearing
April 15, 2008

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Saas at 7:32 p.m.

Members Present: President Phillip J. Saas, Secretary George T. Kallas, Trustee Gary L. Muehlfelt, Trustee William R. Thar, and Trustee Mark Klage.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza, Treasurer Bob Harris and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the proposed 2008/2009 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance No. 270. President Saas asked if there were any comments or questions with respect to the proposed Budget. There being no questions or comments, Trustee Kallas made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary

Regular Meeting
April 15, 2008

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Phillip J. Saas, Secretary George T. Kallas, Trustee Gary L. Muehlfelt, Trustee William R. Thar and Trustee Mark Klage.

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

Swearing in of FF Brandon Clairmont: Trustee Kallas administered the Oath of Office to FF Brandon Clairmont, and the Board welcomed him to the Department.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/18/08 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Thar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Lt. Pete Daly wanted to commend FF Clairmont for all of his hard work from the time he was an Explorer with the Department through this full-time position.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harris reviewed his report for March. The beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$769,530.26. After deposits of \$27,168.72 and disbursements of \$160,290.81, the ending balance for those accounts was \$636,408.17. There are two working capital CD's totaling \$100,000.00, and the balance for the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund CD's as of 3/31/08 was \$1,499,764.66. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza stated that FEMA grant has been completed and submitted.

Chief DiMenza then spoke to the Board about conducting some office renovations, relocating some office areas and making the station more efficient. Some of the furniture is showing its wear and tear, and the carpet throughout the station is in desperate need of replacement. At Chief DiMenza's request, the Board authorized him to secure some quotes for this project.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis distributed e-mail correspondence between himself and Mr. Barlow from the Village of Winfield with regard to the Village utilizing Station #2 bay for storage of their WEMA vehicle. Deputy Chief Lewis was concerned about the tone of Mr. Barlow's original e-mail and felt it necessary to respond to all who received Mr. Barlow's e-mail. As of this meeting, he has not yet heard back from the Village.

Deputy Chief Lewis then informed the Board that the emergency call volume has already far surpassed that of last year.

Next addressed by Deputy Chief Lewis was the fact that the current salary ordinance will expire at the end of fiscal year 2009. He asked the Board if they would like to form another committee to prepare a new ordinance for next year. Trustee Kallas and Trustee Klage volunteered to be on that committee with Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler reviewed the Abandoned Newborn Infant Policy and stated that it is in accordance with the Act and that the procedures set forth are reasonable. Attorney Weiler asked that he be given the opportunity to review the packet that will be given to mothers dropping off infants prior to their being distributed.

Old Business: Their being no questions or comments on Budget and Appropriations Ordinance No. 270, Trustee Klage made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 270, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor by roll call vote.

Based on previous discussions regarding the sale of the American LaFrance Fire Engine, an offer to purchase the engine for \$200,000.00 was received from Harford Volunteer Fire Company, Harford, Pennsylvania, with a deposit check of \$10,000.00. Their representatives will arrive in town on Friday to witness the engine draught and pump and take delivery of the engine. Trustee Kallas made a motion to accept the offer of \$200,000.00, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Chief DiMenza then reviewed his memorandum regarding the three proposals received on a new fire engine. After discussing the differences in the vehicles proposed, and at Chief DiMenza's recommendation, Trustee Thar made a motion to purchase the fire engine proposed by Pierce Manufacturing for \$379,500.00, which is approximately \$75,000.00 under budget. That motion was seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor by roll call vote.

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

New Business: Chief DiMenza reviewed his memorandum regarding the purchase of Genesis Extrication Equipment, which will replace the old Hurst Equipment that was sold with the American LaFrance Engine. Funds for this purchase are available in the 2007/2008 budget. After discussion, Trustee Thar made a motion to authorize the purchase of Genesis Extrication Equipment for a cost of \$20,615.00, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

The Board next discussed Chief DiMenza's memorandum on the need to repair the parking lot at Station #1. The District's liability insurance company has warned the District about the safety hazard being posed by the large holes and trip hazards, and many citizens coming in for infant car seat installations have complained about the condition of the parking lot. Several quotes were received, the lowest one being from Arthur J. Lootens & Son, Inc., at a cost of \$76,915.50. After discussion, Trustee Muehlfelt made a motion to accept the quote from Lootens, with the expressed concern regarding the expansion joints and the drains. Any additional funds needed over \$5,000.00 to address those concerns can be addressed at the next meeting. That motion was seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor.

Chief DiMenza reviewed his memorandum regarding the purchase of a heated power washer to be used to clean the undercarriage of the vehicles, as well as to clean the inside and outside of the station. After discussion, President Saas made a motion to authorize the purchase of a heated power washer for the cost of \$4,675.00, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Deputy Chief Lewis next informed the Board that Marmion Military Academy has expressed an interest in obtaining the old dive van to be used by their band. Because of the vehicle's age and the mileage being over 200,000, President Saas made a motion to sell the dive van to Marmion Military Academy for \$1.00, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for February was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$97,438.48. There being no questions, President Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Other Business: President Saas read the comment cards into the record.

At Trustee Muehlfelt's request, Chief DiMenza summarized the events of the simultaneous structure fires that occurred on April 9th. Trustee Muehlfelt stated that he would like to see some pictures put up on the website. The Board expressed their appreciation to the members of the District for all of their hard work and dedication.

There being no further business, President Saas made a motion to adjourn to, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary