

Regular Meeting
May 15, 2007

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:35 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.

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing of 4/17/07 and the Regular Meeting of 4/17/07 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor. There being no corrections to the Regular Meeting minutes, Trustee Kallas made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harris reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April, which reflected a beginning balance of \$652,888.62 in the General Money Market and General Checking Accounts. After deposits totaling \$80,910.67 and disbursements of \$183,614.00, the ending balance was \$370,185.29. The Equipment Fund Money Market balance was \$14,897.23, and the ending balance for the certificates of deposit was \$1,433,448.64, leaving a total fund balance of \$1,818,531.16. There being no questions, Trustee Thar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza requested Board authorization to re-evaluate the fee schedule for ambulance billing and consider removing the 30% reduction for District residents. The Board agreed with that recommendation. Chief DiMenza stated that he would have a recommendation by the next board meeting.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis informed the Board that he and Chief DiMenza met with General Grange from Cantigny to discuss some grant opportunities and other events being offered at Cantigny. For instance, Cantigny offered to allow the Fire District to have a booth at one of their events for individuals to sign up and CPR class, to have a car seat technician station available and try to recruit members to the CERT program. Trustee Kallas asked how those stations would be manned, with paid personnel or volunteers. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the duty crew would not be involved, but if the District paid part-time firefighters to man the booths, Cantigny would reimburse the District for that time.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler prepared an ordinance for creating a fee schedule for multiple false alarms at the same location. After discussion, Trustee Muehlfelt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 264, seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor by roll call vote.

Old Business: The canvass of election results was received confirming the referendum loss by 10 votes.

Consent Agenda: The items on the consent agenda was the Monthly Run Report for April 2007. Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

New Business: President Saas noted that there are two vacancies for the Board of Fire Commissioners with three applicants for those positions. One of the applicants, Ray Vanagunas, was a current commissioner whose term has expired, and he expressed an interest in serving for a few more months to help the commission complete their next round of testing. The other two candidates, Thomas Duhig and William Bell, are both aware of the time commitment involved and are interested in fulfilling complete terms. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining continuity on the Board of Fire Commissioners, particularly because there will be full-time firefighter test as well as a promotional exam, and it was suggested that it would probably be a better idea to appoint two candidates to complete full terms. Based on that discussion, President Saas made a motion to appoint Mr. Duhig and Mr. Bell to fill the vacancies on the Board of Fire Commissioners, seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor by roll call vote. Mr. Duhig and Mr. Bell were then sworn into office by Secretary Kallas.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$77,967.47. There being no questions, President Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion, President Saas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Thar, to adjourn to Executive Session, with members of the Village of Winfield Board of Trustees in attendance, to discuss possible land acquisition and pending litigation. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary