

Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2008

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of 4/15/08 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Thar made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harris reviewed his report for April. As of 3/31/08, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$636,408.17. After deposits of \$236,289.38, disbursements of \$572,169.67, and two operating CD's for \$50,000.00 each, the ending balance for those accounts was \$400,527.88. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund Money Markets was \$501,056.98, and the balance for the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund CD's was \$1,403,621.61. There being no questions, Trustee Klage a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza stated that the Winfield Volunteer Fire Company golf outing is going very well and is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> at Klein Creek Golf Club.

Chief DiMenza next gave an update on the progress of the parking lot, stating that the lot will be tested on May 30<sup>th</sup> to see if it is ready to be driven on by the heavier vehicles.

In addition, Chief DiMenza mentioned that a tri-city disaster drill will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. He will report to the Board on that drill after its completion.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the emergency call volume continues to increase over previous years, and that the response for ambulance calls has been changed to a full still in order to allow paid-on-call employees to respond to the station and man the second ambulance, if needed. Since that change, the second ambulance has been manned 90% of the time that it was needed. The remaining 10% of the calls were handled through mutual aid.

Trustee Klage asked of the Board could see a report of the number of back-to-back ambulance calls received over the last year and a what the revenue is from those calls, in case the Board would like to hire additional personnel.

Trustee Muehlfelt asked about the alarm activity at Indian Knoll School, and Deputy Chief Lewis stated that their alarm trouble is not their fault. However, since the actual problem cannot be located, they are in the process of installing a wireless radio alarm system, which is 99% error free. Once that is in place, Deputy Chief Lewis felt that those issues should be resolved.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler discussed tax objections that are received from time to time. Those objections are typically handled by the State's Attorney's Office, who represents the County Treasurer. Although it has been understood in the past, the attorney representing our interests would just like Board consent and agreement to settle these objections for 50%, which would cause very minimal impact to the District. The Board agreed to give her authorization to settle the objections.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: Chief DiMenza reviewed his memorandum requesting Board authorization to attend the International Fire Chiefs Association Symposium in Denver. After discussion, President Saas made a motion to pay for Chief DiMenza's registration fees, travel expenses, food and lodging during the symposium, seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for April was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$119,864.44. There being no questions, Trustee Thar made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Klage. All in favor.

Other Business: President Saas read the comment cards and thank you notes into the record.

There being no further business for open session, Trustee Thar made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing land acquisition, seconded by President Saas. All in favor. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

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Phillip J. Saas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary