

Regular Meeting
August 19, 2008

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Klage at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/15/08 were distributed prior to the meeting. After one correction on page 4, Trustee Beeson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Beeson reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July, which was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 6/30/08, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$780,211.03. After deposits of \$176,295.77, disbursements of \$192,243.14, and an operating CD for \$50,000.00, the ending balance for those accounts was \$814,263.66. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund Money Markets was \$503,633.46, and the balance for the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund CD's was \$1,418,567.27. 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 about a payment made to the Internal Revenue Service in July, which was an error when making the payment on line. After speaking with the Internal Revenue Service, it was determined that this amount would most likely be returned to the District, as there was no wanton or willful negligence involved.

Chief DiMenza then spoke about a fire in West Chicago, where Winfield was dispatched mutual aid. After summarizing the events of the fire, President Klage asked if Winfield had an ordinance regarding barbeque grills on balconies of apartments or condominiums. Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis stated that although there is no ordinance in place, the homeowners associations have rules in place regarding barbeque grills on balconies, and the dangers of this type of situation has been stressed by the District to the homeowners who live in those types of dwellings. Trustee Duhig questioned the necessity of the District adopting an ordinance prohibiting this behavior when the homeowners associations already have rules in place and have enforcement rights. Trustee Beeson felt that if the Fire District adopted an ordinance as well, it would give the homeowners association more leverage to enforce this type of rule. Trustee Duhig felt that something like this should be done at the Village level not the Fire District level. After additional discussion, Trustee Muehlfelt asked Chief DiMenza to contact the Village to see if they have an ordinance in place governing barbeque grills on balconies. Chief DiMenza will let the Board know next month.

Chief DiMenza next informed the Board that he will be traveling to Appleton, Wisconsin, to do a final acceptance of the new fire engine. If it passes, it will be driven to the sales office in Aurora and then delivered to us from there.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis met with Carol Stream Fire Protection District to discuss the Wheaton Christian Grammar School, which will be in their fire district rather than Winfield.

There is also a church from Glen Ellyn that is looking to build a new facility off of Indian Knoll and Roosevelt Roads. To date, he has only seen a very preliminary site plan that did not include any detail. However, he has heard that the County has been told that the Fire District has agreed with their plans and is prepared to sign off on those plan. Deputy Chief Lewis wanted to clarify with the Board that regardless of what they may hear, the Fire District has not seen or signed off on any plans for this church. That is not to say that the Fire District will not eventually approve plans, but there are many things to consider before that happens.

Deputy Chief Lewis stated that Indian Knoll School will be building a new early learning facility on their campus.

An agreement has been reached with Air Angels where they will pay \$450.00 per transport for every patient the District transports from the helicopter pad to Central DuPage Hospital. During these transports, the District personnel never assume patient care. Air Angels maintains patient care at all times. It is anticipated that there will be over 100 helicopter transports this year.

Deputy Chief Lewis has been selected by IRMA, the District's liability and workers compensation carrier, to be on an ad hoc committee to travel to Springfield in an effort to get legislation to define what is considered a catastrophic incident with regard to injury.

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

Old Business: Deputy Chief Lewis provided the Board with a revised Vehicle Replacement Schedule as requested by the Board at the last meeting. Trustee Beeson thanked Deputy Chief Lewis for all of his work on this document. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that he would like to prepare a couple of exhibits with some purchases being moved around for the Board to consider. He feels that 25 years is a very long time to keep a fire engine in service. The Board agreed with that suggestion.

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

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills: Trustee Beeson noted that although the Village does not test their fire hydrants annually, the District is required to pay a hydrant fee. In addition, the District's ISO rating could be negatively affected because of the lack of hydrant testing. He felt that not testing the hydrants was a detriment to the citizens of the District. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the District was told by the Village several years ago that we are not allowed to test their hydrants. We can only utilize their hydrants in the case of a fire or through special permission with the Public Works

Department for training. Trustee Beeson suggested meeting with the Village officials to discuss this issue and attempt to get a resolution to this situation. Attorney Weiler stated that the Village is probably violating the Public Utilities Act by not testing and maintaining the fire hydrants on a regular basis. Trustee Beeson felt it was important to submit the District's position in writing to the Village and get a written response in return. Trustee Muehlfelt agreed with that, adding that he would like that same letter to go to American Water. In addition, Trustee Muehlfelt asked Attorney Weiler how to have the District's name removed from the American Water utility bills. Attorney Weiler stated that he will write a letter to American Water requesting that the District's name be removed from their utility bills. As far as the hydrant testing goes, Attorney Weiler recommended that Chief DiMenza write a courtesy notice to the Village officials indicating that hydrant testing will begin on a certain date. If the Village has an objection to that, they would then be on the objection side and acting against public safety.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Beeson made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Other Business: A thank-you letter from Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board was read into the record. The Board thanked all District members who participated in that sprinkler demonstration.

Trustee Beeson made a motion to recess to Executive Session for purposes of discussion of land acquisition, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), pending litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and personnel and deliberations concerning salary schedules and/or discipline of personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). That motion was seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor. The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

(Executive Session)

There being no further business, Trustee Beeson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary