

Regular Meeting  
September 17, 2013

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Dan Keck, Trustee Cliff Mortenson, and Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza and Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis, and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

At the request of President Klage, Trustee Mortenson made a motion to recess into Executive Session for purposes of discussing Personnel, Salaries and/or Discipline – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. The regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

(Executive Session)

Following Executive Session, the regular meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m. with the same members present.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/20/13 and Executive Session of 8/20/13 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Keck made a motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session meeting, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Mr. James Woith requested to address the Board, stating that he was recently terminated as a firefighter from the Department after calling off for a shift 12 hours prior to the shift. He stated that he injured the day prior to the shift and was shocked at receiving the termination letter. He was upset that he did not receive a telephone call or a request for a meeting to explain the circumstances. After he received the letter, he informed Chief DiMenza that he had a doctor's note, and he asked if he could meet with the Chief to discuss the situation further. Chief DiMenza further requested a copy of all conversations Mr. Woith had with individuals regarding his missed shift, including his duty officer, his physician and a copy of the medications he was prescribed as well as the name of the physician who prescribed them. He told Chief DiMenza that he was not entitled to that information, as Mr. Woith was not an employee at the time of the request and that it was a violation of his rights. He informed the Board that all he wanted was his job back, that he loves the Village of Winfield and that he was working here not for the money but because he loved the Department, elaborating that he did not need the money, that his family has plenty of money. He felt he was treated unfairly and offered to discuss the situation further with any Trustees who wished to contact him. In the meantime, he stated that his attorney would be contacting the District later in the week.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 8/30/13 in advance of the meeting. As of 8/30/13, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,022,136.38. After deposits of \$83,159.29 and disbursements of \$272,013.64, the

ending balance for those accounts was \$833,282.03. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,139,122.48 (\$556,829.76 for Capital Projects and \$582,292.72 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$1,972,404.51. There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that the roofer should be at Station #2 next week to begin replacing that roof.

Chief DiMenza next spoke about an Alliance EMS Disaster Drill currently underway that has been put together by Lt. Roman. The disaster involves a fire explosion in a school kitchen in Wheaton, and there are several patients involved. After giving details on the drill, he commended Lt. Roman on an excellent job organizing and assembling this drill for the Alliance.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis informed the Board that the Alliance is also discussing a joint public safety event to be held sometime late spring or early summer of 2014. The thought is to hold this event separate from the Open House and focus solely on safety issues.

Deputy Chief Lewis also wanted to make sure that the Board all received a memorandum regarding the recently received correspondence on the wireless alarm system agreement. Attorney Weiler stated that he will be discussing that issue in Executive Session later on in the meeting.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session.

Old Business: President Klage presented former trustee Jeffrey Lockard with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service on the Board of Trustees.

President Klage asked the Board if they have given some thought as to the information they were given by Trustee Keck at the last meeting and if anyone had any questions. He stated that he was wondering if there was a way to narrow down how much of an increase each household would expect to see if a referendum were successful. Trustee Saas suggested that it might be a good idea to find out what the average median assessed valuation is for homes within the District and use that as a starting point. Trustee Mortenson felt that marketing the District was going to be a big part of a referendum campaign, and he felt that the Board Members need to be a bigger part of providing marketing ideas for that purpose. He felt that one of the ways to reach the public would be to host a Citizen's Fire Academy, and discussion followed. Trustee Keck stated that his committee would start looking at some of the examples of what the cost would be for the average home. In addition, they will put together an example of Option 5 and how that would look as well.

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

New Business: Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance No. 300 was addressed by the Board. Trustee Keck made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 300, seconded by Trustee Saylor. Motion carried by roll call vote, with Trustee Saas voting nay.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for September was presented reflecting a total of \$37,092.02. Trustee Saylor made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Saas expressed his appreciation for all who arrived to take care of his father when he fell at home. He was frightened and in pain, and the duty crew and Chief made him as comfortable as possible and put his mind at ease.

There being no further discussion for Open Session, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing Potential Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary