

Regular Meeting
November 15, 2011

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Saas at 7:37 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Dan Keck, and Trustee Jenny Saylor, and Trustee Jeffrey Lockard. Absent: President Mark Klage.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza and Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis, Attorney Bernie Weiler, and Village of Winfield Trustee Hughes.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/18/11 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor

Remarks From Floor: Teri Atkinson informed the Board that there will be a kids Christmas party for any children or grandchildren of active or retired members, Trustees and Commissioners. She stated that there is a sign-up sheet on the apparatus floor, so if anyone is interested, please put the child's name and gender on the sign-up sheet so appropriate gifts can be purchased.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October. As of 10/31/11, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,364,467.31. After deposits of \$54,899.81 and disbursements of \$197,120.89, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,222,246.23. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,397,579.82 (\$976,333.51 for Capital Projects and \$421,246.31 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,619,826.05. There being no questions, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza presented a Municipal Compliance Report to the Board from the Pension Fund indicating a request for the District to levy \$170,992 for the Pension Fund to keep it solvent.

The District is also being provided with a grant that is being funded by the ETSB for 28 Starcom 21 system radios. In December or January, Chief DiMenza will be coming to the Board with a request to purchase four (4) mobile radios, which will cost about \$24,000 total to go into the ambulances, Engine 611 and the Tender. He stated that funds for this purchase are available in this year's budget, so he wanted to let them know that was coming up in the near future. After discussion about the possibility of negotiating the price with a larger quantity purchase, Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis stated that Motorola is the only manufacturer of these radios, and they can only be purchase from them directly, so they are not negotiating the price at all.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the CDH agreements are still being revised, but he is hopeful that the final agreements will be ready in the very near future.

Deputy Chief Lewis also thanked the Board for allowing full-time personnel to sit in on the first Strategic Planning Session and provide input.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler gave a summary of the Amended WSFRA documents for the Alliance. Following discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to adopt the agreement for the Alliance, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

In addition, at the request of Trustee Saas, Attorney Weiler provided information on an additional investment option for the District called IMET. After discussion, he suggested that the Board go to their website to get more information about what is involved and how it works. If the Board opted to go with IMET, the minimum investment is \$50,000.00, and funds can be withdrawn at any time. It would require the passage of an ordinance that allows the participation as well as an application. The funds are pooled with other organizations, but they are accounted for separately.

Attorney Weiler stated that there is also a bill that is being pushed throughout the last couple of months to limit levy extensions to 100% of the last levy extension in any place where the assessed valuation has gone down. However, the bill was not very well thought out, so it made it through the House but not the Senate. So there is a new version of it in the Senate now, but he stated that it is not going to pass, because legislatures don't feel it is appropriate to do it this year.

Attorney Weiler informed the Board that Dan Cronin has called a meeting with various representatives of appointed fire protection districts to discuss consolidation. Mr. Cronin was able to get a bill passed that required fire districts to provide information to the County Board about their operations.

With regard to the Tax Levy for the Liability Fund, Attorney Weiler stated that additional funds can be levied for part of administrative salaries as long as those employees are engaging in training exercise and day-to-day activities that include employee safety and risk management.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for October. It was decided that the Run Report face sheet is all that is needed to put into the Board packets from now on. Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

New Business: Mr. Rich Moss of Corkhill Insurance Agency provided final figures for the health insurance proposal. After questions and discussion, Trustee Saylor made a motion to allow Chief DiMenza to sign the necessary paperwork to switch health insurance to Corkhill Insurance Agency, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for November was presented reflecting a total of \$39,888.29. Trustee Keck made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Keck suggested that the Board read the "Fire Call" magazine and familiarize themselves with some of the new legislative updates that are discussed in there. One of those items requires that all members of any public body board be trained in the Open Meetings Act by January of 2012. Robin Youngberg will email the Board with the website to the Attorney General's Office in order to take that on-line training.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Saylor. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President Pro Tem

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary