

Regular Meeting
10/16/18

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Saas at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer George Kallas, Trustee Jennifer Saylor and Trustee Randall Simpson. Absent: President Mark Klage.

Also Present: Chief Phillip DiMenza, DC Steven Evans, and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/18/18 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or amendments, Trustee Saylor made a motion to approve the Regular minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Curt Barrett and the Attorney for the Village of Winfield were in attendance to address the Board regarding ongoing fire prevention and inspection discussions for the business within the Village of Winfield. He stated that he is hoping to be able to work out an arrangement that would be in the best interest of both the Fire District and the Village of Winfield. He stated he was looking for an intergovernmental agreement between both entities to come up with a winning solution for everyone involved. Attorney Weiler stated that the sensitive areas are that there would need to be an agreement as to the enforcement. He said that the Fire District sees code enforcement as primarily a public relations opportunity. However, by the same token, if business owners refuse to comply, there has to be some ability to enforce that compliance. In addition, Attorney Weiler stated that it will take some time to get through all of the properties, so there has to be that understand as well. Trustee Saas stated that the Fire District does not want to put its employees in a trick bag of doing inspections, finding violations, and then the Village, having the authority, does not enforce compliance. Discussion ensued.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 9/30/18 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 8/31/18, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,506,114.13. After deposits of \$518,610.75 and disbursements of \$165,444.67, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,860,044.73. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,719,972.90, giving a total of all funds of \$3,580,017.63. There being no questions, Trustee Simpson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza stated there was no Alliance training for October, since it is Fire Prevention Month and all departments are very busy during this month. He made mention that DC Evans has 25 years of service with the District, noted that there were 16 public education events, and was happy to report that the Open House went very well. He thanked everyone who attended for their assistance in making the Open House a success. Chief DiMenza then informed the Board that the staff has been working on applying for some grant opportunities, which if awarded, would require a buy-in percentage from the District. The research done for these grant applications has shown that the Winfield Fire Protection District provides a broad level of service for residents for having the lowest tax rate in DuPage County. Chief DiMenza stated that, although a grant is possible for some of the larger ticket items that are in need of

replacement, he strongly felt that the District needs to go for a referendum in order to adequately address the many upcoming financial needs.

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

Old Business: Mr. Peter Poulos, a real estate broker from Oak Brook, was in attendance to discuss the fire station at Winfield and Roosevelt Roads. He has been working with many property owners along that intersection and would be very interested in working out an arrangement with the Winfield Fire District, should they decide to sell that property. He distributed information to the Board and elaborated on the service he provides for agencies wanting to let go of real estate assets. The Board thanked him for his presentation and the information and stated they would take all of that under advisement.

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

New Business: The Winfield Fire Protection District Pension Fund submitted their Tax Levy Request letter and Municipal Compliance Report to the District Board of Trustees. There being no questions or concerns, Trustee Simpson made a motion to accept the Tax Levy Request and Municipal Compliance Report as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for September was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$62,931.8895. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

There being no further business, Trustee Kallas made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President Pro Tem

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary