

Regular Meeting
11/20/18

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Also Present: Chief Phillip DiMenza, DC Steven Evans, and Attorney Jessica Kalal.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/16/18 and the Special Meeting of 10/23/18 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or amendments, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. Trustee Saylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 10/31/18 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 10/31/18, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,860,044.73. After deposits of \$69,338.64 and disbursements of \$217,510.88, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,711,872.49. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,721,018.16, giving a total of all funds of \$3,432,890.65. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza spoke about several incidents which occurred during the last month. In addition, he recognized FF/PM Gerardo Salazar, FF/M Jeffrey Littledale, and FF/PM Andrew Martin for five years of service and DC Evans for 25 years of service.

DC Evans recognized Chief DiMenza for achieving 19 years of service in October.

Chief DiMenza then asked Lt. Roman to talk about the automatic CPR machine that a few of the surrounding jurisdictions have purchased while others are practicing with demo units. Lt. Roman stated that the Winfield Fire District received a demo unit at the end of October and put it in service within a week, and there were back-to-back full arrests that the device was used on, which successfully brought a pulse back on each person after its use. He stated that, realistically, it would be preferred to have one unit on the front line ambulance and eventually one on the back-up ambulance. In addition, if the Board was in agreement, one for the front line engine would also be a great asset.

Chief DiMenza then spoke about the Illinois Fire Chief's Strategic Plan conducted several years ago, and some concerns he now has. He stated that the Village is planning on putting up hundreds of thousands of new construction in the near future, and Prosek's Greenhouse also sold their property to a developer who is going to put up medical offices. He stated these new developments will substantially increase the Districts EMS call volume and will quickly overwhelm its ability to continue providing the level of care the District has been able to afford.

thus far. He is also concerned about maintaining the ISO Class 2 that has been recently achieved, as there is not enough manpower to keep that rating with those additional structures and without having a ladder truck. Having the lowest tax rate in DuPage County has prevented the District from hiring additional personnel to handle the additional call volume. In addition, he stated that the Wheaton Fire Chief is getting concern from his City Council as to why they keep providing ambulance service to Winfield. Discussion ensued. Chief DiMenza noted that there are going to be two town hall meetings coming up, and it was suggested that Attorney Weiler and a Board Member attend those meetings to speak during Remarks from the Floor. At the Board direction, Attorney Kalal will ask Attorney Weiler to draft a letter to be read at both of the Village public meetings, expressing the District's concerns. There was further discussion regarding the TIF District and the funds included in that. Attorney Kalal stated that she will ask Attorney Weiler to prepare a draft of that letter to provide to the Board prior to it being presented to the Village.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Kalal spoke about a notice from the Board of Review that a complaint has been filed to request a change in valuation on a Geneva Road property. She stated that, as a taxing body, the District is allowed to intervene and assert its position. However, Attorney Weiler does not believe it's worth doing that in this case, as the Board of Review will protect the interest of the Fire District without imposing unnecessary legal fees.

In addition, with regard to the negotiation Attorney Weiler is doing with the Village of Winfield, he is still working on that Intergovernmental Agreement for possibly taking over those inspections. He is drafting and coming up with those terms and in communication with the attorney for the Village as well.

Old Business: After being discussed in the Public Hearing immediately prior to this meeting, Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt Annual Tax Levy Ordinance No. 327 as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor by roll call vote.

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

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for November was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$19,104.04. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

Trustee Simpson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Personnel, Salaries and/or Discipline, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary