

Regular Meeting
8/18/20

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, and Trustee Randall Simpson. Absent: Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/21/20 and the Special Meeting of 7/28/20 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. Trustee Saas then made a motion to accept the Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Luke Allen gave an update on the progress of the informational dissemination for the referendum, stating that there will be a few virtual and/or socially distanced get-togethers conducted to allow people to ask questions and share information.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 7/31/20 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, showing a beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account of \$1,831,654.34. After deposits of \$131,094.27 and disbursements of \$218,197.51, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,671,177.86. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,815,438.41, giving a total of all funds of \$3,559,989.51. There being no questions, Trustee Saas a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief Evans spoke about Alliance training and Specialty Team training over the last month. He also reviewed several incidents that the District responded to over the last month.

With regard to the department membership, Seth Lamb reached 6 years of service on 7/28/20, FF/PM Jake Armstrong reached 2 years on 7/23/20, and FF/PM Mike Pope reached 11 years on 8/1/20. In addition, FF/PM Seth Lamb was accepted on the SWAT Medic Team Membership.

Chief Evans stated that following the passing of Retired Member Alan Stuart, Joyce Stuart asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Fire District to help offset current operating costs. Having received \$1,840.00 to date, Chief Evans would like to form a committee to determine piece of equipment is needed that can be dedicated to Al Stuart in his memory.

Chief Evans reminded the Board about the FEMA Grant that was applied for several months ago, and was pleased to announce that the District was awarded a \$156,000 FEMA Grant, with a required 10% matching contribution for the purchase of new SCBA Equipment. In addition, the Administration had a video conference call with Paramedic Billing Service regarding Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) fees and how their agency can assist the District with recouping those funds. After discussion, the Board agreed that would be worth pursuing.

With regard to the referendum, Chief Evans informed the Board of several Open House Informational Meetings, as well as a couple of joint Open House meetings with School District 34.

Chief Evans then informed the Board that Matt Rich, Superintendent of School District #34, offered to assist the District with setting up live streaming/videoing the District meetings in the future.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler gave an update on a meeting between President Klage, Chief Evans and himself with developers representing the Village of Winfield.

Old Business:

None.

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

New Business: The Annual Audit and Financial Report was presented to the Board by Andy Miriani of Lauterbach & Amen. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Annual Audit, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

With regard to GEMT funds, Trustee Kallas made a motion to authorize Chief Evans to sign the agreement between Paramedic Billing Service to continue providing ambulance billing services for the District as well as the services for recouping the GEMT Funds previously discussed, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for July was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$57,305.98. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

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

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary