

Regular Meeting  
2/16/21

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, Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Executive Session of 12/15/20, the Regular Meeting of 1/19/21, the Executive Session of 1/19/21, the Special Meeting of 2/2/21 and the Executive Session of 2/2/21 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 12/15/20 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 1/19/21 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the 1/19/21 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 2/2/21 Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saylor made a motion to approve the 2/2/21 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Luke Allen invited everyone to participate in the debate being held by the League of Women Voters on March 6, 2021.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 1/31/21 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, showing a beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account of \$2,191,283.31. After deposits of \$205,385.62 and disbursements of \$362,729.27, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,033,939.66. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,819,482.54, giving a total of all funds of \$3,853,422.20. There being no questions, Trustee Saas a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief Evans informed the Board that there was no Special Ops training this past month, but Multi-company training will resume in March.

He then spoke about several incidents which took place over the last month, and he gave special recognition to Lt. Tim Roman who, along with others, rescued the occupant of a working structure fire, and a positive outcome for the patient is expected.

Chief Evans then gave an update on Engine #31, which was taken in for major repairs on 2/11/21. He is awaiting the initial findings.

Due to some complaints he's received with respect to ambulance rates, Chief Evans prepared spreadsheets for the Board to further explain how that rate amount was arrived at.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for January and a Thank You letter from Ronal McDonald House. Trustee Saas then made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

New Business: The Tentative Budget for 2021/2022 was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. After discussion, Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget and make it available for public review, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor by roll call vote.

The Deputy Chief Candidate Scheduling Request was moved to Executive Session on a motion by Trustee Saas, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Chief Evans provided the Board with a draft Procurement Policy, which is required to be adopted in order to receive FEMA grant funds. After discussion, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adopt the Procurement Policy as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for February was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$86,237.85. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

Trustee Saas made a motion to recess to Executive Session for purposes of discussing potential litigation and appointment of personnel, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

(Executive Session)

The open meeting was reconvened immediately following the adjournment of the closed session. Present at the reconvened meeting were President Klage, Trustee Saas, Trustee Simpson Trustee Saylor, Fire Chief Steven Evans and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

After reconvening the meeting, Trustee Simpson moved that the request by one candidate to reschedule the oral interviews conducted in the course of administering the appointment process be denied, but that all candidates be advised that their interview as previously scheduled may be conducted, at their election, via Zoom and that the Fire Chief notify the requesting candidate of the Board's denial of his request, and that the Fire Chief also notify all candidates of the option to appear either in person or via Zoom for their interview and that the election to appear via Zoom would not adversely affect the Board's consideration of his application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Saas and carried by all Trustees voting in favor thereof.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion of Trustee Simpson, seconded by Trustee Saylor, with all Trustees voting in favor thereof, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary