

Regular Meeting
3/16/21

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:33 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 Regular Meeting of 2/16/21, the Executive Session of 1/19/21, the Special Meeting of 2/27/21 and the Executive Session of 2/27/21 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 2/16/20 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 2/16/21 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 2/27/21 Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 2/27/21 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: President Klage made a statement in response to some question about Board support of the referendum, confirming that the entire Board of Trustees is 100% in favor of pursuing the referendum to continue providing the level of service the residents of the District deserve.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 2/28/21 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, showing a beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account of \$2,003,939.66. After deposits of \$61,011.23 and disbursements of \$245,034.39, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,849,916.50. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,819,674.88, giving a total of all funds of \$3,669,591.38. 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 spoke about the Special Operations drill as well as the Multi-Company Drill for the Alliance this month. In addition, he spoke about several incidents which took place over the last month.

Chief Evans then gave an update on Engine #31, and spoke about 4 new Firefighter/Paramedics, Anthony Williams and Charles Gorgan full-time, Patrick Marks and Robert Wangles part-time.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: The Request for Proposals for the new ambulance brought 2 bids that were opened and reviewed by the ambulance committee. Given that review and the letters of recommendation, Chief Evans requested that the Board award the bid to North Central Ambulance for \$197,640.00. 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 \$71,430.92. 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 appointment of personnel, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

(Executive Session)

On motion of Trustee Saas, seconded by Trustee Saylor, with all Trustees voting in favor thereof, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District was recessed into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing the appointment and terms of employment of specific personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Whereupon the open meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District was recessed into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

The open meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District was reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Present were President Klage, Trustee Saas, Trustee Saylor, Trustee Kallas, and Trustee Simpson. Also present were Fire Chief Evans and Attorney Bernie Weiler. Those in virtual attendance were re-invited and the electronic website link was re-opened. Those individuals attending in person were also re-admitted into the meeting.

Whereupon, on motion of Trustee Simpson seconded by Trustee Kallas, with all Trustees voting in favor thereof, Trustee Saas was appointed to join with the Fire Chief in carrying out the direction to formulate and implement a renewed and expanded search for a qualified individual to fill the vacancy in the rank of Deputy Chief of the Winfield Fire Protection District Fire Department.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion of Trustee Simpson, seconded by Trustee Saas, with all Trustees voting in favor thereof, the open meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary