

Regular Meeting
4/20/21

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, Treasurer George Kallas, and Trustee Randall Simpson, Trustee Jenny Saylor. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/16/21 and Executive Session of 3/16/21 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saylor made a motion to approve the 3/16/20 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the 3/16/21 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: A citizen from Swan Lake Drive asked to speak, stated that he was very supportive of the Fire Department, fails to understand the overall lack of community support with respect to the financial position of the Fire Department and is concerned about the District's fate following the failed referendum. Citizen Randy Voss agreed, stating that he hoped to build a strong army to band together to move forward.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 3/31/21 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, showing a beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account of \$1,849,916.50. After deposits of \$66,459.95 and disbursements of \$243,773.01, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,672,603.44. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,820,263.76, giving a total of all funds of \$3,492,867.20. 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 spoke about the Technical Rescue Special Operations drill as well as the Highrise Multi-Company Drill for the Alliance this month. In addition, he spoke about several incidents which took place over the last month.

Lt. Tim Roman reached 20 total years of service with the District of 4/18/21.

Chief Evans then gave an update on Engine #31, and he spoke about the resignation of FF Michael Beckley and the process of moving forward to fill that position. In addition, he discussed the new ambulance, stating that a turn-in lease is not an option and that other leasing possibilities will cost the District several thousand dollars more than purchasing the vehicle outright.

Chief Evans then reviewed his memorandum on the District sustainability following the failed referendum. There was a large group effort to inform the public on the referendum, and the citizens have spoken. The District now has to decide which direction to go while continuing to provide the best service possible. He spoke about several options to consider, all of which focus on one facility with the current staffing level.

The Administration has met with architects to discuss facility options, as well as with a financial advisor to help guide the District on sustainability options for the future. The options include considering the rehab of the current headquarters station or relocating to the County Farm Road property after selling both existing stations. In addition, other considerations were discussed as well as how those considerations would affect the District depending on the path taken.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler stated that given changes in law enforcement areas, he will be looking at the District's ordinances to make sure with respect to that, they are in compliance.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: The discussion of filling the Commission vacancy will be tabled until next month following receipt of the official canvass from the Election Commission.

Transfer Ordinance No. 336 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Trustee Simpson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 336, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance No. 337 was previously discussed in the Public Hearing. There being no further questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 337, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

The Board received correspondence from Jason Day, thanking them for their time and consideration.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for February was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$81,627.85. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Other Business: President Klage announced that, after 17 years serving on the District Board, this would be his last meeting. He addressed the Board and audience, expressing his appreciation on many levels. Chief Evans then presented President Klage with a plaque acknowledging his years of service and thanked him for his dedication.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion of Trustee Kallas, seconded by Trustee Saylor, with all Trustees voting in favor thereof, the open meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary