

Regular Meeting  
5/18/21

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Saas at 7:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: Pro Tem President Phillip Saas, Treasurer George Kallas, and Trustee Randall Simpson, Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, Attorney Bernie Weiler and newly elected Trustee Robb Hannen.

Trustee Saylor made a motion to ratify the election canvass as presented by the Board of Elections, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Trustee Simpson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Robb Hannen from the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Pro Tem President Saas administered the Oath of Office to new elected Trustee Robb Hannen.

Election of Officers: Trustee Saas opened the floor for nominations for the office of President. Trustee Saylor nominated George Kallas for the office of President, seconded by Trustee Simpson. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed, and George Kallas was elected to the office of President by unanimous roll call vote.

President Kallas then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. President Kallas nominated Trustee Saas to the office of Secretary, seconded by Trustee Simpson. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed, and Trustee Saas was elected to the office of Secretary by unanimous roll call vote.

President Kallas then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer. President Kallas nominated Trustee Hannen to the office of Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Saas. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed, and Trustee Hannen was elected to the office of Treasurer by unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing of 4/20/21 and Regular Meeting of 4/20/21 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve the 4/20/20 Public Hearing minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Simpson then made a motion to approve the 4/20/20 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 4/30/21 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, showing a beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account of \$1,722,603.44. After deposits of \$80,343.66 and disbursements of \$487,641.83, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,315,305.27. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,820,513.02, giving a total of all funds of

\$3,135,818.29. 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 Alliance Training this month, giving special recognition to FF/PM Ed Troutman for his leadership on all divisions, for Special Ops, and particularly for the water rescue team. In addition, he spoke about several incidents which took place over the last month.

FF/PM Brian Burke and FF/PM Jeffrey Fester reached 6 years of service with the District of 5/5/21.

Chief Evans then gave an update on Engine #31, and he spoke on the progress of hiring a new full-time FF/PM to fill the recently created vacancy. In addition, he discussed the new tax extension numbers, and also informed the Board that the administration has been meeting with appraisal companies and architectural firms, as well as a financial consultant. He stated that he hoped to have presentation for the June board meeting. Chief Evans is in the process of forming an engine committee for putting together the specs for the new engine, the new ambulance has been purchased, and he stated that the new turnout gear is arriving now. The District's outdated Policies and Procedures are being updated to include several safety initiatives, and the Annual Audit is currently in progress

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler discussed a HIPAA issue that was brought to the District's attention and the steps that were taken. He then requested that the Board recess to Executive Session to discuss the appointment of personnel.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: Trustee Simpson made a motion to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Trustee Saas made a motion to ratify the additional expenditure for the repair of the fire engine over what was originally proposed, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor by roll call vote.

Trustee Saas made a motion to re-appoint Lt. Pete Daly to the Pension Board, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Two letters of interest were received for appointment to fill the recent vacancy on the Board of Fire Commissioners. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to appoint Mr. Randy Voss, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

With regard to appraisal companies, Chief Evans contacted two so far and is waiting for information on a couple of additional ones to approach.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for April was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$300,587.83. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Other Business: None

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Saas made a motion to recess to Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Saylor, for the purpose of discussing the appointment of specific personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2©(1). All in favor. The open session was recessed into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

(Executive Session)

The open session of the Board of Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District was reconvened at 8:50 p.m. Present were President Kallas, Trustee Saylor, Trustee Saas, Trustee Simpson and Trustee Hannon. Also present were Fire Chief Steven 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 readmitted into the meeting.

Trustee Saas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Saylor, that the job posting notification for the appointment of Deputy Chief presented by Chief Evans be approved. All in favor.

There being no further business coming before the Board, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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George Kallas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary