

Regular Meeting
6/15/21

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President George Kallas, Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Robb Hannen, Trustee Jenny Saylor, and Trustee Randy Simpson.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 5/18/21 and the Executive Session of 5/18/21 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 5/18/21 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 5/18/21 Executive Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 5/31/21 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 5/31/21, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,314,624.07. After deposits of \$271,730.24, disbursements of \$285,489.30, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,300,865.01. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,821,150.47, giving a total of all funds of \$3,122,015.48. 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 reviewed the HazMat Special Operations Drill for this month as well as the Multi-Company extrication drill. In addition, he reviewed some recent events, including FF/PM Andrew Martin and his wife welcoming a new baby boy.

Chief Evans gave an update on Engine 31, final inspection projected to be June 28th. He also gave an update on the status of Utility #31.

The Final Eligibility Register has been completed and posted, and the process will now begin with hiring a new full-time firefighter/paramedic to fill the current vacancy.

Appraisal companies and architectural firm meetings in progress.

Presentations are anticipated to be coming for property, finances and buildings at the July meeting.

The engine committee was created and will begin meeting on the new fire apparatus, headed by Lt. Dave Formento.

The Administrative staff is continuing to work with IRMA on policy updates and other safety initiatives.

Chief Evans then informed the Board of an update to the Pension Board and also spoke about the MABAS 12 Task Force being deployed to the chemical fire in Rockton.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler deferred his report to New Business.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: Chief Evans provided information to the Board on quotes from appraisal companies, noting that there are still a couple that are coming next week. This process will not need a public bid.

As has been discussed previously, Chief Evans addressed his memorandum regarding contracting with LEXIPOL to updated our Policies and Procedures as well as several other safety initiatives, as recommended by IRMA. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to contract with LEXIPOL, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor by roll call vote. Attorney Weiler stated that no public bidding is necessary on this item.

The FEMA Grant awarded in 2019 is finally being completed, amounting to a \$156,363.64 Federal contribution and a minimum \$15,636.36 District Contribution. Attorney Weiler stated that this item must be published for bid and have a bid opening in early July. After discussion, the Board agreed to table this agenda item until the July meeting after the public bid opening.

The Board discussed the Deputy Chief selection process and noted that information was in the packet. At Board direction, Chief Evans will secure some dates and times from the candidate being considered as well as put the notice out to surrounding jurisdictions.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for June was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$84,909.29. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

Trustee Hannen made a motion to recess to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for purposes of discussing pending litigation, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

(Executive Session)

The open session of the Board of Trustees of the Winfield Fire Protection District was reconvened at 9:05 p.m. Present were President Kallas, Trustee Saas, Trustee Saylor, Trustee Hannon and Trustee Simpson. 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.

There being nothing further for discussion for open session, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary