

Regular Meeting  
10/19/21

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:30 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, DC Eric Ermer and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Trustee Saas administered the Oaths of Office to FF/PM Nicholas Rivera and Deputy Chief Eric Ermer The Board congratulated both individuals and welcomed them to the District.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/21/21 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Citizen Matt Tibble congratulated the District's newest members and was happy to see the swearing in ceremony on video and social media. He then spoke about some issues he had regarding responses that were made to his comments at the last board meeting. In addition, he was disappointed that, even though Village President was in attendance at the last meeting to discuss the TIF District, there was a lack of questions from the Board on how the TIF was going to affect the Fire District. He stated that he has advocated and will continue to advocate for the Fire District, but he would like to see the Board Members more actively advocate for the Fire District as well.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 9/30/21 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 9/30/21, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$2,025,555.54. After deposits of \$1,362,668.29, disbursements of \$463,344.33, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,924,879.50. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,822,771.87, giving a total of all funds of \$4,747,651.37. Treasurer Hannen commented some of the anticipated grant funding has been received. 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 reviewed the Technical Rescue Special Operations Drill for this month, as well as a summary of incident activity over the last month.

Chief Evans gave an update on Engine 31, which is repaired and back in service. With respect to Tender 31, it will be going out on Monday for many repairs. The committee for the new engine will be meeting tomorrow to keep the process going at an accelerated pace in order to try to beat the anticipated price increases after the first of the year.

With regard to the Pension Board, the transfer of assets to the consolidated fund has been completed.

DC Ermer is in the process of preparing a Request for Proposals on the roof repairs will be going out in the near future. It will take one to two weeks to complete and publish, and the anticipated start time of job will be in the Spring.

Chief Evans gave an update on the audit status, stating that the auditors had a change in personnel, causing a disruption in the completion of the audit. The necessary extensions for both filing the audit and completing the GEMT have been granted, so the audit is slated to be on the agenda for the November meeting.

The appraisals for each of the District properties has been completed and distributed to the Board ahead of the meeting, and a report as been put under New Business on the agenda.

The Village of Winfield has been conducting hydrant flushing and maintenance.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler stated that during his last couple of visits to the Station, he noticed positive some cultural changes with personnel and the Chief Officers. He also stated that DC Ermer appears to have a firm grasp on what he needs to do for the completion of the roof RFP.

Old Business:

None.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for September. It was noted by Chief Evans that, as of today, the total call number is 195 above last year at this time, which will bring the year-end total to in excess of 2,300 if that trend continues. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

New Business: DC Ermer provided a Surplus Items Declarations List for things needing either disposal, auction or donation. Attorney Weiler stated that this process would need an ordinance, which he will have prepared for the November meeting.

Chief Evans provided the Board with a Sustainability Report, including Right Sizing the District, which the Board discussed at length. The administration will be meeting with a financial consultant next week to evaluate the information in this report and make recommendations from that evaluation.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for October was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$81,085.11. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Saylor asked that the future Agendas include Public Comment at the end of the meeting as well to give Zoom attendees the opportunity to speak. She would also like to see portions of the Trustee packets loaded up onto the website so the public is able to review

information prior to the meeting. In addition, she asked that the administration investigate getting at least 2 more speakers and microphones to make it easier for the Zoom participants to hear.

Upon opening the floor for public comments, Resident Sue Hempe congratulated both new members of the Department. Resident Luke Allen thanked Chief Evans for keeping the District afloat during crazy times and for all of his hard work during the last couple of years. The Board concurred. Comments from Zoom attendees indicated their support for Trustee Saylor's comments.

Attorney Weiler noted that the personnel matter that was discussed in Executive Session last month has been resolved, so there is no need for further discussion on that matter.

President Kallas made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. for purposes of discussing land acquisition, pending litigation and personnel, salaries and/or discipline. That motion was seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

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George Kallas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary