

Regular Meeting
10/18/22

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:36 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Eric Ermer, Attorney Joseph Miller, and Financial Consultant James Howard via Zoom.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/20/22 and Special Meeting of 10/5/22 were distributed prior to the meeting. After one correction to the 9/20/22 minutes, Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve the 9/20/22 minutes as amended as the 10/5/22 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 9/30/22 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 9/30/22, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,583,975.29. After deposits of \$1,066,531.98, disbursements of \$408,589.92, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,241,917.35. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$2,047,713.82, giving a total of all funds of \$4,289,631.17. James Howard then presented his Monthly Financial Report via Zoom. There being no questions, Trustee Allen a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Financial Report, seconded by Trustee Simpson. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Chief's Report:

Chief Evans stated that, due to October being Fire Prevention Month, there was no training with the Alliance for the month.

Service Anniversaries included DC Eric Ermer completing 1 year and Chief Evans completing 29 years.

DC Ermer spoke about Lexipol, stating that the policies will be about 40% complete after the Board approves the ones on the agenda for this meeting.

Chief Evans gave an update on the fleet and new apparatus to add to the fleet, stating that C31 should be delivered by the weekend. The graphics have been approved for the new E31, which is still scheduled to arrive in June of 2023. The new ambulance has been delivered and is being outfitted for service and having the required inspections completed so license plates can be ordered.

The SAFER Grant had an additional \$200 million added, and the award period was extended to the end of October, so there is still a good chance that Winfield FPD will be awarded that grant.

New full-time Firefighter testing has begun, and the orientation and written exam were conducted on Saturday, 10/15/22. Of the 17 applicants, 14 of them tested. In addition, the Lieutenant's promotional exam is underway, with resumes due 11/1/22.

The District hosted the Chamber meeting on 10/4/22, which was well-attended and very informative.

Station #31 recently underwent a hazardous materials cleanup, eliminating many products so that whatever remains can be safely stored in a proper cabinet.

Station #32 is still in the process of being outfitted for use as a training facility, and the work on the communications room conversion is complete.

The District recently purchased some Air Pack RIT PACKs, and Chief Evans and DC Ermer gave a brief demonstration on what they include and how they work.

With regard to the architectural firms, correspondence was sent to each firm indicating the Board's decision, and Chief Evans asked that the Board decide how many and who would like to tour a couple of facilities designed by the two firms being considered and let him know so that he can schedule a tour.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller stated, with the referendum passing, he and James Howard will be working on the Levy, which will require a Truth in Taxation notice to be published.

Old Business:

None.

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

New Business: President Kallas asked the record to reflect that the Board received the Municipal Compliance Report and the Tax Levy Request Letter from the Pension Board, asking that the District levy \$309,641 for the Pension Fund.

James Howard discussed the Tax Levy Determination Report, and stated that, with the referendum passing, the levy request increase will be more than 105%. After discussion, Trustee Simpson made a motion to publish a Truth in Taxation Notice in order for the Tax Levy Request to exceed 104% of the 2022 extension, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

The Board was given SOP's 209, 500, 501, 502, 503, 505, 701, and 917 for review prior to the meeting. Trustee Allen found an error in SOP #209, and he had several questions with respect to other SOP's as well. After much discussion, Trustee Hannen made a motion to adopt the SOP's as amended, seconded by Trustee Saas. Motion carried by roll call vote.

There were no additional items on the surplus list to approve.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for September was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$254,971.77. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being nothing further for discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary