

Regular Meeting
11/15/22

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, Treasurer Robb Hannen, Trustee Randy Simpson and Trustee Luke Allen. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas and Financial Advisor James Howard.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, Attorney Joseph Miller, and John Falduto from Sawyer-Falduto.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/18/22 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 10/31/22 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 10/31/22, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$2,291,917.35. After deposits of \$512,569.90, disbursements of \$378,109.86, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,426,377.39. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$2,047,837.17, giving a total of all funds of \$4,474,214.56. In the absence of James Howard to present his Monthly Financial Report, Trustee Allen made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Financial Report until the December meeting, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

John Falduto from Sawyer-Falduto gave a presentation on financial investment services they can provide to the District. Following the presentation, President Kallas asked that this item be added to the December agenda for discussion and possible action.

Chief's Report:

Chief Evans summarized the Alliance Special Operations and Multi-Company training activities since last month. In addition, he also highlighted some recent emergency responses since last month.

Service Anniversaries included Lt. David Formento completing 29 total years, and FF/PM Matt Smith completing 13 years.

Chief Evans gave an update on Lexipol, stating that, although still in progress, it has been temporarily stalled. He then gave an update on the fleet, stating that C31 has been delivered and is awaiting upfitting, the graphics have been approved on the new engine, and the new ambulance is waiting on the Secretary of State for license plates in order to go in service.

With regard to the SAFER Grant, there is still no word on whether Winfield was awarded or not.

New full-time Firefighter testing is well underway, with 12 of the 14 candidates completing their oral interviews on 11/15, and the remaining 2 candidates schedules to complete theirs on 11/22.

Promotional testing for Lieutenant has begun, and resumes were due by 11/1/22, with 6 applicants submitting.

Chief Evans next spoke about a recent downtown development meeting at the Winfield Park District.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: Trustee Allen gave a summary of the site visits he and Chief Evans participated in, one for each architectural firm being considered, and he gave the pros and cons of both. After lengthy discussion, Trustee Hannen made a motion to rank Healy, Bender, Patton & Been as the first option, with 845 Designs being the second option, and to authorize Attorney Miller to contact each firm and negotiation a contract with them for the next meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote, with Trustee Allen abstaining.

Discussion on the purchase of a new ambulance was tabled until further notice.

At Chief Evans' request, FF/PM Brian Burke provided a memorandum regarding a request to purchase a new air compressor and fill station with air storage bottles. After review of that memorandum and discussion following, Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve the purchase from MES, Inc., at a cost of \$77,428.00, and the 2% Foreign Fire Tax Board agreeing to contribute \$28,000 towards that purchase, seconded by Trustee Allen. 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 November was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$83,980.60. Trustee Hannen made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Allen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

Public Comment: Fire Commissioner Nair spoke about a possible citizen participation.

There being nothing further for discussion, Trustee Simpson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary