

Regular Meeting
1/17/23

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Eric Ermer, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, Financial Advisor James Howard, and John Falduto from Sawyer-Falduto.

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing of 12/20/22 and Regular Meeting of 12/20/22 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 12/31/22 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 12/31/22, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$2,402,894.22. After deposits of \$20,438.92, disbursements of \$331,124.53, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,092,208.61. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$2,049,413.35, giving a total of all funds of \$4,441,621.96. James Howard then presented his Monthly Financial Report, stating that the CPI is now at 6.5%. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report and Financial Report, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor by roll call vote.

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.

FF/PM Tiffani Clausen has achieved 18 years of service this month, and FF/PM Gerardo Salazar has reached 10 years.

Chief Evans gave an update on the fleet, New E31 now has an August 2023 expected delivery date, and T31 was recently damaged in an accident, with an investigation pending.

Chief Evans then updated the Board on the new Air Cascade System, and the SAFER Grant.

The new full-time candidate is currently in process, and the Lieutenant Testing is near completion.

Chief Evans next spoke about a recent meeting of the Village of Winfield regarding downtown development and Fire Department matters.

Chief Evans informed the Board that the toys collected during December were delivered to Ronald McDonald House on January 5, 2023.

Attorney's Report: No report.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: Ordinance No. 2023-346 Amending the Policies of the Winfield Fire Protection District was reviewed by the Board. After discussion, Trustee Hannen made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

The Board then discussed Rules for Public Comments to the Board of Trustees. After discussion, Trustee Allen made a motion to adopt the Rules as amended, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Chief Evans spoke about having two (2) firefighter/paramedics being off on worker's comp, potentially for an extended period of time, causing a significant amount of overtime for all of the remaining full-time members. In order to provide some relief for that overtime, Chief Evans requested authorization to hire one (1) additional firefighter/paramedic. After discussion, Trustee Saas made the motion to hire one additional firefighter/paramedic, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

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

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for January was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$69,282.93. Trustee Hannen made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Hannen then made a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss Land Acquisition or the Lease of Property – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and Personnel matters – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The Open Session was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:13 p.m.

(Closed Session)

Open Session was resumed at 9:22 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Eric Ermer, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, and Attorney Joe Miller.

Other Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

There being nothing further for discussion, Trustee Hannen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary