

Regular Meeting
2/21/23

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Eric Ermer, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, Financial Advisor James Howard, and Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/17/23 and Closed Session 1/17/23 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Saas 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 1/31/23 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 1/31/23, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$2,142,208.61. After deposits of \$262,500.03, disbursements of \$351,237.62, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,053,471.02. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$2,049,934.84, giving a total of all funds of \$4,103,405.86. James Howard then presented his Monthly Financial Report, followed by a presentation from Anthony Misella on Alternative Revenue Bonds and how that process works. After discussion, Trustee Allen made a motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report and Financial Report, seconded by Trustee Saas. 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.

Chief Evans gave an update on the fleet, New E31 now has an August 2023 expected delivery date, and T31 is back in service following repairs.

Chief Evans then updated the Board on the new Air Cascade System, and he spoke about the grant with NW/CDH which is entering its 5th year in a few months.

Two new candidates have a start date of 2/27/23, and the promotional Initial Eligibility List has been posted for 10 days to allow for veteran's preference point submissions, if any.

Chief Evans informed the Board that the District's current phone system has been obsolete for several years, and parts are no longer available. The administration will be moving to a Voice Over IP system, which includes all of the hardware and phone service, at about the same monthly cost currently being paid.

The administration had their kickoff meeting with the architects and have set up a bi-weekly meeting schedule with them for the time being.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller informed the Board that the Disaster Remote Meeting Provision officially ends on 5/11/23.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: President Kallas stated that the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget has been prepared and is available for public review.

Chief Evans informed the Board that the District was awarded the SAFER Grant in the amount of \$684,000 for three years to hire three entry level firefighters. After discussion, Trustee Saas made the motion to accept the SAFER Grant, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor by roll call vote.

DC Ermer prepared SOP's 320, 326, 600, 906, 908, 909, 916, 917, 1014, 1018, 1020, 1029, 1030, 1034, 1037, 1040 for Board review. After minor changes, Trustee Saas made the motion to adopt all of the SOP's presented, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor as amended.

The surplus list was provided with recommendations for disposition. Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve the recommendations for disposition, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for February was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$262,892.81. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Allen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Allen 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 Saas. All in favor. The Open Session was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:48 p.m.

(Closed Session)

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

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

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 Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary