

Regular Meeting  
9/19/23

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 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 (via Zoom), and Anthony Miceli and Kyle Harding from Speer Financial, Inc.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/15/23 and Closed Session of 8/15/23 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: James Howard presented his Monthly Financial Report, and the Board reviewed the monthly Schwab statement from Sawyer-Falduto as well. The Treasurer's Report for 8/31/23 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 8/31/23, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and Schwab General Fund was \$2,053,214.99. After deposits of \$305,304.13, disbursements of \$337,042.21, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,021,476.91. The combined balance of the Schwab Construction Fund and Schwab Equipment Fund was \$2,080,295.90. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports, 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. Service anniversaries included FF/PM Ed Troutman with 28 years of total service.

Chief Evans gave updates on the fleet, stating that the new engine is expected to be complete by 9/22/23, with the final inspection planned for October 2-4. The new ambulance is still expected in late 2024. In addition, with the help of Trustee Allen, the District was able to enroll in the Federal Surplus program, allowing the District to obtain a used brush truck that is in very good shape and should last for several years. Engine 31, Tender 31 and Medic 31 were all out for repairs throughout the month.

Chief Evans informed the Board that the Office of the State Fire Marshal will be offering Small Equipment Grants soon, and he updated the Board on the new hires from the SAFER Grant to fill the 4 current vacancies. He then gave an update from the architect, and he met with Dawn Rosnowski from NW/CDH earlier today.

Attorney's Report: Reminded the Board that the administration will be working with James Howard on the Levy Ordinance, and he indicated that the Board will need to go into Closed Session.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial, Inc., reviewed the memorandum he provided to the Board ahead of the meeting. He stated that a rating needed to be obtained before going forward, and the Fire District received AA rating, which is considered a very good rating. There are now waiting for the architect to give the go ahead to move forward.

President Kallas stated that the next item for consideration by the Board was the issuance of not to exceed \$8,500,000 of alternate revenue bonds to be issued by the District to build and equip a new fire station, and that the Board of Trustees would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds, for the pledge of corporate purpose taxes to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of bond and interest taxes to pay the principal and interest thereon if corporate purpose taxes are insufficient to make such payment and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. President Kallas then explained that the ordinance sets forth the parameters for the issuance of said bonds and sale thereof by designated officials of the District. After discussion, Trustee Hannen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-352 as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the Winfield Fire Protection District Policies and Procedures for Preparing and Updating Disclosure. Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt the Disclosure Policy, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

Chief Evans' term on the Pension Board is up, so Trustee Saas made a motion to re-appoint Chief Evans to the Pension Board for another 3-year term, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for September was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$72,116.25. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Hannen made a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss the employment and compensation and/or benefits for a specific employee, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The Open Session was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.

(Closed Session)

Open Session was resumed at 9:10 p.m., with President Kallas calling the meeting to order.

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

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

There being nothing further for discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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George Kallas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary