

Regular Meeting  
10/17/23

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, Treasurer Robb Hannen, Trustee Randy Simpson, and Trustee Luke Allen.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, Financial Advisor James Howard (via Zoom), and Jenny Fleming.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/19/23, Closed Session of 9/19/23, Special Meeting of 9/25/23 and Closed Session of 9/25/23 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Hannen requested that the 9/19/23 Regular Minutes be amended to clarify that not all vehicles were out of service at the same time. There being no other changes, Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve the 9/19/23 Regular Minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 9/19/23 Closed Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen, all in favor. Trustee Saas then made a motion to approve the 9/25/23 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen, all in favor. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 9/25/23 Closed Session Minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen, 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 9/30/23 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 9/30/23, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and Schwab General Fund was \$2,021,477.40. After deposits of \$1,579,222.07, disbursements of \$323,195.98, the ending balance for those accounts was \$3,277,503.49. The combined balance of the Schwab Construction Fund and Schwab Equipment Fund was \$2,089,597.58. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

James Howard then reviewed 2023 Proposed Tax Levy presentation. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to go through the Truth in Taxation process, finding that the District will be levying over the 5% tax cap, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Chief's Report: Chief Evans stated that there was no Alliance training for the month of October due to it being Fire Prevention Month. He highlighted some recent emergency responses since last month. Service anniversaries included Chief Steven Evans with 30 years of 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 25-26. The new ambulance is still

expected in late 2024. The recently acquired Brush Truck is currently being upfitted, and E31 is out for repairs.

Chief Evans informed the Board that the administration will be applying for the Office of the State Fire Marshal Small Equipment Grant, 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, as well as on his recent conversation with Dawn Rosnowski from NW/CDH.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Closed Session.

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 Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

New Business: The Winfield Fire Protection District Pension Board provided their Tax Levy Request Letter and their Municipal Compliance Report to the District Board of Trustees. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept both, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor by roll call vote.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for October was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$93,633.70. 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, and proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Local 5024, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The Open Session was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.

(Closed Session)

Open Session was resumed at 8:44 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.

Following discussion in Closed Session, Trustee Saas made a motion to terminate Eric Ermer and rescind the Resignation Offer previously given to him, seconded by Trustee Simpson. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Saas then made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Local 5024 approving a salary equity adjustment effective with the 10/23/23 pay period, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Hannen then made a motion to go back into Closed Session to discuss the possible appointment of personnel, seconded by Trustee Kallas, all in favor. Regular Session was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:46 p.m.

(Closed Session)

There being nothing further for Open Session, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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George Kallas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary