

Regular Meeting  
1/16/24

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, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, and Financial Advisor James Howard (via Zoom).

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12/19/23 and Special Meeting of 1/4/24 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the 12/19/23 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor. Trustee Hannen then made a motion to approve the 1/4/24 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 Treasurer's Report for 12/31/23 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 12/31/23, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and Schwab General Fund was \$3,416,219.80. After deposits of \$281,583.56, and disbursements of \$297,153.17, the ending balance for those accounts was \$3,400,650.19. The combined balance of the Schwab Construction Fund and Schwab Equipment Fund was \$2,118,772.71. 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.

Chief's Report: Chief Evans gave an overview of the Alliance training for the month of November, and he highlighted some recent emergency responses since last month. In addition, he noted that Tiffani Clausen reached a total of 20 years of service with the District.

Chief Evans gave updates on the fleet, stating that the new engine is almost in service, and the new ambulance is still expected in late 2024. The Utility Vehicle is awaiting a lighting package but has been working great, and M32 is back in service.

The Board of Fire Commissioners is in the middle of testing with oral interviews occurring Wednesday evening. Chief Evans then stated that several of the Alliance agencies are interested in conducting a consortium test to try to recruit additional candidates. In addition, FF/PM Kai Pavlick achieved his BOF and Hazmat Ops Certifications through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Chief Evans stated that the NW/CDH grant was submitted and a response should arrive soon. He also informed the Board that the Village of Winfield would like a District representative to speak at a Village Board meeting regarding the new fire station project, which Attorney Miller agreed with.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller stated that the Paid Leave for All Workers Act is now in effect, and he will send information to the administration on that. He also reminded the Board that the NIAFPD conference is in February, and the Decennial meetings have to be done by the end of the year.

Old Business: Although Trustee Allen requested that tabled policies from last meeting be on this meeting's agenda, he asked that they be postponed until February

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 Simpson. All in favor.

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for January was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$604,620.04. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Allen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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 8:17 p.m.

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George Kallas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary