

Regular Meeting
2/20/24

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, John Falduto from Sawyer-Falduto, and Financial Advisor James Howard (via Zoom).

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/16/24 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Public Comment: Resident George Karavas of the Silverwood Glen subdivision stated that the residents welcome the new firehouse, but would like to voice their concerns, which he reviewed with the Board.

Treasurer's Report: James Howard presented his Monthly Financial Report, and John Falduto then reviewed his report, informing the Board of the bond proceeds being received, as well as summarizing the other Schwab accounts. The Treasurer's Report for 1/31/24 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 1/31/24, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and Schwab General Fund was \$3,400,650.19. After deposits of \$73,643.61, and disbursements of \$1,059,045.24, the ending balance for those accounts was \$2,415,248.56. The combined balance of the Schwab Construction Fund and Schwab Equipment Fund was \$2,122,030.68. 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.

Chief Evans gave updates on the fleet, stating that the new ambulance is now expected to arrive in early 2025. The Utility Vehicle is now ready to be upfitted.

The Board of Fire Commissioners finished their most recent round of testing with conditional offers being given to the two candidates on the list. They are meeting on Wednesday to begin the next testing process to establish an eligibility register to hire from.

Chief Evans stated that he spoke with NWM Director Dawn Rosnowski, who stated that the grant application is moving through the various channels and that she hopes to have an answer by the end of February or early March.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller stated that the bond process went well, and he reminded the Board that they have three years to deplete those funds.

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: The 2024/2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Board prior to the meeting. There being no questions, the Board accepted the Tentative Budget as presented, and it will be available to the public for at least 30 days prior to adoption in final form.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for February was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$150,256.08. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. 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 8:10 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary