

Regular Meeting
10/21/25

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 Luke Allen, Trustee Randy Simpson and Trustee Robb Hannen.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Timothy Roman, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, James Howard from Gov Accounting, LLC (via Zoom), and Ed Lavin from Sawyer-Falduto.

Public Comment: Realtor Lance Kammes was in attendance and stated that he would like the Board to go into Closed Session to accept his proposal and offer tonight so that he can finalize the deal. Attorney Miller stated that, while they will be adjourning to Closed Session to discuss the old station and other matters, there will most likely not be a decision on that property tonight.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/16/25 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Allen made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The Board received the monthly report from Sawyer-Falduto, which showed a 9/30/25 ending market value of \$865,418.00 for the Capital & Equipment account, an ending market value of \$1,634,739 for the Construction Fund and \$4,273,406 for the Operating Reserve. Per Mr. Lavin's recommendation, the Board agreed, pursuant to the Schwab Agreement, to allow for the some of the Equipment Fund to be invested in 3, 6, 9, and 12-month instruments to maximize interest. James Howard then reviewed his report as well. The Treasurer's Report for 9/30/25 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 9/30/25, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and Schwab Operating Reserve Fund was \$3,919,330.06. After deposits of \$1,949,218.49 and disbursements of \$333,660.78, the ending balance for those accounts was \$5,523,887.77. The combined balance of the Schwab Construction Fund and the Schwab Equipment Fund was \$2,500,156.99. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve all reports as presented, 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, as it's Fire Prevention Month, but he highlighted some recent emergency responses since last month. In addition, there were service anniversaries of FF/PM Caleb Miner with 2 years and Chief Evans with 32 years of service. Chief Evans also stated that DC Roman is enrolled in CO class beginning in January 2026.

Chief Evans next gave an update on the Fleet, and he confirmed that the Lieutenant's Testing will begin 11/3/25.

The punch list for the new station is almost complete, and owner training is to begin shortly.

The Fire District has been removed from IRMA's Worker's Compensation Focus Group, and there is an OSHA compliance audit scheduled for early March 2026, so preparations for that are underway.

Chief Evans confirmed that the school inspections and fire drills are either scheduled or have been completed, and the shifts conducted many public education events during the month. The duty crew attended the Park District's Trunk or Treat event, and Chief Evans and Luke Allen will attend the Chamber's Trunk or Treat event on 10/31.

Chief Evans is waiting to hear from DuDot on a resolution to stop the southbound traffic in front of the new station while the duty crew is responding to an emergency.

There is an ISO visit scheduled for 11/10/25, and DC Roman has been working hard to prepared for that visit. The Village of Winfield has stated that the water records and inspection records for village businesses are not available, so that will reflect negatively on the ISO report.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller commended the District on the accomplishment of passing the referendum, building the new station, keeping the costs down.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The Run Report for September was received by the Board. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

New Business: The Gerardo Salazar Application for PSEBA Benefits discussion and the Realtor Selection discussion were deferred to Closed Session.

The Board discussed the Fire Prevention IGA with the Village of Winfield. President Kallas stated that the IGA was agreed to by a different Board, and the Village has not met their obligations under this agreement, while the District has complied with all of our obligations. Attorney Miller advised the Board to let the Village know the District would like a new agreement, and if they do not agree, then the District will give them the 90-notice out clause.

Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2025-362 was provided to the Board ahead of the meeting. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-362, seconded by Trustee Allen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ambulance Billing Ordinance No. 2025-363 was provided by Attorney Miller in draft form to the Board prior to the meeting. Chief Evans stated that he was interested in offering waiving balance billing outside of the required co-pays and deductible obligations. President Kallas stated he would like a more detailed calculation on what amount would be on the table if that was approved. The Board agreed to table the ordinance until the next meeting, and Chief Evans

asked the Board members to review the ordinance in detail and get their questions and concerns to him as soon as possible so can prepare a report for the next meeting.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for October was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$460,390.24. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Hannen then made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss Personnel, Salaries and/or Discipline f ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Land Acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), seconded by Trustee Simpson.

(Closed Session)

Regular Session resumed and called to order by President Kallas at 9:22 with the same members present.

Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve PSEBA Benefits for Gerardo Salazar, including backpay for premiums he has paid on his own up to this point, seconded by Trustee Simpson. Moton carried by roll call vote, with Trustee Allen voting no.

Other Business: None

There being nothing further for discussion in Open Session, Trustee Hannen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg