

Regular Meeting
3/10/26

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Timothy Roman, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, and John Falduto (via Zoom).

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/17/26 and Closed Session of 2/17/26 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the Regular minutes as amended and the Closed Session minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: John Falduto reviewed his financial report, and the Board received a monthly report from Sawyer-Falduto as well.

The Treasurer's Report for 2/28/26 was not yet available for this meeting.

Chief's Report: Chief Evans reviewed the Alliance training for the month, and he spoke about some recent events of note. He then noted that FF/PM Jose Garnica completed his probation on 2/24/26, FF/PM Kai Pavlick achieved three years of service on 2/27/26, and FF/PM Anthony William completed five years of service on 3/1/26.

Chief Evans next gave an update on the Fleet, and he stated that the administration is currently working on a revamped replacement schedule for fleet and both facilities for budgeting funds and the strategic plan.

The existing Firefighter Eligibility List will be exhausted soon, and new-hire testing will be occurring in the near future.

Chief Evans stated that the punch list items were nearing completion, and he is working with a resident west of County Farm Road and DuDOT regarding siren noise concerns.

OSHA compliance audit preparation is underway, with the audit scheduled for late March of 2026.

Lt. Formento has informed Chief Evans that the commercial occupancy inspections in the unincorporated areas of the District are reaching completion.

The District is awaiting the initial ISO report, which often requires follow-up and corrections prior to being published.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller station that earnest money was received on the old building, but no new information has been received. In addition, he stated he will be contacting the resident across the street from the new station to ask him to have his attorney call him.

Old Business: With regard to the Village of Winfield Intergovernmental Agreement, Chief Evans spoke on the origins of the agreement and what the situation is right now. After discussion, Trustee Allen made a motion to exercise the out clause for that agreement, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda: The Run Report for February and a Certificate of Wellness were received by the Board. After discussion, Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor.

New Business: Abatement Ordinance No. 2026-365 was reviewed by the Board. Trustee Hannen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-365 as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Attorney Melin prepared a memorandum on a 2022 tax liability issue for Board review. After discussion, Trustee Allen made a motion to approve the payment not to exceed \$84,000, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Board reviewed a memorandum from Chief Evans requested authorization to purchase a LifePak 15 cardiac monitor as presented by DC Roman. Trustee Hannen made a motion to approve that purchase, seconded by Trustee Saas. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Treasurer Allen gave a presentation to the Board regarding the consideration of a banking partner change. After discussion, it was decided to move the current HSA accounts and credit card accounts to Wintrust Commercial Banking as soon as possible, and ultimately moving the checking and money market accounts to that bank as well after the end of the fiscal year. Attorney Miller will put together a resolution and signature card information for the April meeting.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for March was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$219,418.11. Trustee Hannen made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

There being nothing further for discussion in Open Session, Trustee Allen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary