

Public Hearing
December 15, 2009

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Klage at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Treasurer Dan Keck, Trustee Jeffrey Lockard and Trustee Jenny Saylor. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza. Absent: Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the proposed 2009/2010 Tax Levy Ordinance No. 277. President Klage asked if there were any comments or questions with respect to the Levy. There being no questions or comments, Trustee Saylor made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary

Regular Meeting
December 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Treasurer Dan Keck, Trustee Jeffrey Lockard and Trustee Jenny Saylor. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza, Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Special Meeting of 10/29/09 and the Regular Meeting of 11/17/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Lockard made a motion to approve the 10/29/09 minutes, seconded by Trustee Keck. Trustee Keck then made a motion to approve the 11/17/09 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for November. As of 11/30/09, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and working capital CD was \$1,164,705.86. After deposits of \$45,065.83, disbursements of \$177,549.37, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,032,222.32. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,145,862.62, giving a total of all funds of \$2,178,084.94. There being no questions, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza deferred his report to later in the meeting.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated he and Chief DiMenza are still reviewing radio alarm systems and have narrowed the selection down to about three vendors to choose from. He stated that he hoped to have a decision made no later than February.

Deputy Chief Lewis next spoke of an ambulance call, involving a 3-year-old child and his 10-year-old sibling who saved his live. At the January Board meeting, Deputy Chief Lewis would like to present a hero award to the 10-year-old for his actions, and the Board agreed.

The administration decided that since the ambulance call volume is getting hire and the second ambulance is running more regularly, all employees are going to be required to be EMT-B's. For those not currently certified, there will be a mandatory class held at Fire Station #1 in March or April of this year, and the classes will be held on dates and times that are conducive to the schedules of the employees to maximize attendance and participation. The goal is to have all emergency response employees certified as EMT-B's no later than 2011.

Deputy Chief Lewis stated he and Chief DiMenza decided to eliminate full-time staff from attending Monday night training, since that training is duplicated during shift training. That will

not only save money for the District, it will also allow the part-time lieutenants to teach the drills on those Monday nights.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 277 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2009/2010 was discussed previously at the Public Hearing. There being no further discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 277, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for November as well as a comment card. There being no discussion, Trustee Lockard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saylor also thanked the members of the fire department for all of their assistance when they responded to a call for her family. They were very appreciative for the help the fire department gave to her grandmother.

New Business: Deputy Chief Lewis reviewed his memorandum regarding the part-time Lieutenant's test. Since the administration is going to be hiring 8-10 more part-time firefighter/paramedics, he is asking for Board authorization to promote the top two candidates to part-time Lieutenants in order to assist with the new incoming staff and training. Those new part-time firefighter/paramedics will also help fill the permanent part-time shifts for manning the ambulance once PSI employees are no longer staffing the ambulance. Deputy Chief Lewis also stated that he would like the part-time lieutenant position to be an annual appointment, beginning May of 2011. In the event that something happens to affect one of the part-time lieutenant's performance or participation level, the administration would have the authority to appoint someone else from the eligibility list to replace that lieutenant. After discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to promote the first two candidates on the promotional list, FF Zudis and FF Janis, to the rank of part-time lieutenant and to make the part-time Lieutenant positions annual appointments. That motion was seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

President Klage administered the Oath of Office to FF Gregory Zudis and FF Timothy Janis for the position of part-time Lieutenant. The Board congratulated both individuals and thanked all candidates for their participation in the testing process.

With the vacancy created on the Board of Fire Commissions by William Bell taking a position in Texas and resigning from the Board, Winfield Resident Robert D. Hannen submitted a letter of interest in serving on the Board of Fire Commissions. After discussion, Trustee Lockard made a motion to appoint Mr. Hannen to the position of Fire Commissioner, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

FF Tiffani Clausen gave a presentation on the need for new and additional physical fitness equipment. As the physical fitness coordinator, she also discussed her intentions to prepare a fitness plan for each employee and to have a nutritionist come out to counsel the employees on the importance of proper diet. After much discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the expenditure as requested in her memorandum at a cost not to exceed \$13,730.00. That motion was seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for December was presented reflecting a total of \$61,296.27. There being no questions, Trustee Lockard made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being nothing further, Trustee Lockard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary