

Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2013

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of 12/18/12 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the both sets of minutes, seconded by Trustee Saylor. Trustee Keck abstained. Motion carried.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 12/31/12 in advance of the meeting. As of 12/31/12, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,140,937.67. After deposits of \$43,655.39 and disbursements of \$213,512.29, the ending balance for those accounts was \$971,080.77. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,531,869.78 (\$1,030,307.09 for Capital Projects and \$501,562.69 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,502,950.55. There being no further questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza updated the Board with respect to the full-time testing process, stating that applications had a deadline of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, either by postmark or hand delivery. He stated that there is a Commission meeting on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to review the applications and determine which ones meet the criteria to advance to the written test.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler deferred his report to Executive Session.

Old Business: Deputy Chief Lewis gave a Power Point presentation on the different scenarios discussed by the Response Time Committee, based on whether or not the District decides to pursue a referendum and if so, how much. After discussion, Trustee Saas felt that purchasing the property for future planning was essential, moving under the presumption that someone will eventually express an interest in the current District Station #1 property. He also felt it was important to explore ways to shore up the District's operating budget as well. The Board gave the Response Time Committee the direction to come back with a few referendum options and amounts with a presentation on how each would impact the District and the taxpayers.

Deputy Chief Lewis next reviewed his Power Point presentation, showing the amendments to the employee Policies & Procedures manual. He stated that he has only gone through the actual Policies and Procedures, but he has not yet reviewed the Physical Fitness Policy and job descriptions. The Board thanked him for all of his hard work.

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 Keck. All in favor.

New Business: The Tentative Budget for 2013/2014 was reviewed next. Chief DiMenza reminded the Board that this document is in tentative form and may be changed before the final budget is adopted in April. Deputy Chief Lewis reviewed his Power Point presentation and discussed each line item in the budget. Trustee Keck made a motion to adopt the 2013/2014 Tentative Budget, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for December was presented reflecting a total of \$107,173.24. Trustee Keck asked that Check No. 37825 be voted on separately. Trustee Saas then made a motion to pay the remaining bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor. Trustee Saas then made a motion to approve Check No. 37825, seconded by Trustee Lockard, Trustee Keck abstained. Motion carried.

Other Business: Trustee Keck asked Chief DiMenza to convey his heartfelt appreciate to the Chief Kolomay and the Carol Stream Fire Protection District for offering the use of their ambulance and crew to pick him up at the airport since he was unable to drive. Although Trustee Keck made other arrangements, he appreciated the gesture nonetheless.

Since Trustee Keck retired from the active paid-on-call roster, Chief DiMenza presented him with his Lieutenant's helmet to keep.

Trustee Saylor asked if the District has applied for the recent FEMA grants available. Chief DiMenza stated that the District is ineligible at this time to apply for the fire prevention materials, and the Safe Grant for personnel is for the hiring of new personnel, and departments receiving the grant have to be able to sustain the salaries of any new full-time firefighters they employ after the grant funds run out, and this District is unable to do that.

Trustee Saylor also felt that, after the shooting in New York on Christmas Eve, improved safety on the scene of an incident is something that fire departments are going to have to be very aware of.

There being no further discussion in open session, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary