

Regular Meeting
January 19, 2010

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:35 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 Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of 12/15/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Lockard made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Trustee Saylor then made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Trustee Lockard made mention that he attended the Wheaton Ridge Homeowner's Association meeting, distributed some business cards, and offered the Fire Chief to answer any department operational questions that might come up in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December. As of 12/31/09, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and working capital CD was \$1,032,222.32. After deposits of \$70,826.97, disbursements of \$227,266.52, the ending balance for those accounts was \$875,782.77. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,146,136.52 (\$626,425.34 for Capital Projects and \$519,711.18 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,021,919.29. 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 met with Ty Loomis from the Village of Winfield Public Works Department to discuss the hydrant inspection program. The hydrant inspections will begin when the weather breaks and will continue for about 2½ months. Mr. Loomis will determine from day to day how much water there is in the towers prior to our testing the hydrants so that the levels don't drop. Bob Buhs, Executive Director of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, is taking the first step in the Strategic Plan for the District by meeting with the nine full-time firefighters on February 3rd. The next phase after that will be to meet with the Board.

Chief DiMenza will be attending a Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Symposium in the morning, receiving six of the required training hours for being a Pension Fund Trustee.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis contacted the neighbor of the little boy who was saved by his brother, and as of then, the boy was still in the hospital. The neighbor suggested waiting until next month to present the award.

The radio alarm system issue is still under review. Piggy backing with Wheaton is no longer an option, because the City of Wheaton is having financial issues and will need to make other arrangements.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler discussed a tax objection against the over accumulation of liability insurance funds. After discussion, Attorney Weiler recommended re-allocating those funds through a transfer ordinance, leaving approximately 1½ times what is needed, budgeting for what our expenditures and then some extra to allow for unanticipated expenses.

By July, the Board will need to appoint information officers and people to take training on the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Attorney Weiler stated that certain training will be made available on line, and he recommended that the entire Board take that training when it becomes available.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for December as well as comment cards. There being no discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

New Business: The Tentative Budget for 2010/2011 was presented to the Board for review. Once it is passed in tentative form, a Public Notice will be published in the newspaper making it available for public review for at least 30 days. Trustee Lockard made a motion to pass the Tentative Budget as presented, seconded by Trustee Keck. The Board then set the public hearing for the Final Budget for Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. just prior to the Regular Meeting.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for January was presented reflecting a total of \$109,037.06. There being no questions, Trustee Keck made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Keck stated that the next DuPage Fire District's Association meeting will be next Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Glenside Fire Protection District if anyone would like to attend.

Trustee Keck also stated that he will be attending the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection District's conference in February.

There being nothing further, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary