

Regular Meeting  
2/19/19

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, and Treasurer George Kallas.  
Absent: Trustee Jennifer Saylor and Trustee Randall Simpson.

Also Present: Chief Phillip DiMenza, DC Steven Evans, and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 1/15/19 and 1/21/19 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or amendments, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. Trustee Saas then made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 1/31/19 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 1/31/19, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,263,212.51. After deposits of \$107,544.01 and disbursements of \$331,318.89, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,039,437.63. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,509,036.46, giving a total of all funds of \$2,548,474.09. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza summarized some of the call activity during the last month.

DC Evans gave an update on the Alliance Training, and he spoke about there are a few new part-time employees recently hired, a couple of which will be going to the fire academy.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler stated he received a marked-up version of the contract he had sent to the attorney for the Village of Winfield. Most of the changes were minimal, except for the expense part. So he will meet with Chief DiMenza on the Village agreement and discuss it further in an effort to get it worked out.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for January. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

New Business: The Tentative Budget for 2019/2020 was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, and Chief DiMenza reviewed some line item changes with explanations, including the fact that this will be the first year that funds will not be available to transfer to the Capital Projects or Equipment Fund. Trustee Kallas confirmed with Chief DiMenza that, given the financial state of the District at this time, all unnecessary expenditures are being deferred, and all areas of savings are being carefully considered. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to

adopt the 2019/2020 Tentative Budget and publish in the newspaper that it will be available for at least 30 days prior to final adoption, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

President Klage summarized the meeting with Northwestern Hospital/CDH, stating that it was a very positive meeting, and that Northwestern is asking for additional information from the District. At Attorney Weiler's request, the Board agreed to authorize him to draft a letter for President Klage's signature, expressing the District's appreciation for their time and consideration.

Chief DiMenza informed the Board about an employee who is out on a work-related injury for an extended period of time, coupled with the extremely low number of part-time employees, resulting in significant overtime being required from the remaining full-time staff. He stated that the amount of money being paid in overtime will cost more than the hiring of another full-time firefighter/paramedic. Once the injured employee is back on the job, the new employee will be able to cover many of the vacancies caused by vacation days, sick days, and Kelly days. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to hire another full-time firefighter/paramedic, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for February was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$51,738.17. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary