

Regular Meeting
March 18, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/18/14 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 2/28/14 in advance of the meeting. As of 2/28/14, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,044,474.85. After deposits of \$47,471.67 and disbursements of \$164,204.99, the ending balance for those accounts was \$927,741.53. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,141,866.18 (\$558,251.88 for Capital Projects and \$583,614.30 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,069,607.71. Trustee Keck stated that there is also a CD coming due, but the rates are not good enough to earn any additional interest than what the Money Market is earning. He would like to meet with Sawyer-Falduto, who are the Investment Managers for the Pension Fund, to see if there is something they can do to help with the District's investments. There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that to date, although there have been several emails and telephone calls, there is only one (1) person signed up to participate in the Citizen's Fire Academy. He was hopeful that more would come in prior to the deadline.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: With regard to the Strategic Plan, Trustee Keck stated that the committee met recently, and they decided that a referendum is necessary in order to accomplish the goals set forth by the District and the Strategic Plan. After summarizing their discussions, the committee recommended a 60% increase in taxes with the expectation to place the referendum on the November 2015 ballot. He further stated that the 60% did not take into consideration the possibility that Cadence Health could decide not to renew their agreements at any time. Deputy Chief Lewis informed the Board that Northwestern Hospital is taking over Cadence Health, which could very well eliminate the Agreement funding from the hospital. However, the 60% increase did account for a possible \$100,000 reduction in ambulance fee revenue due to the Affordable Healthcare Act. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to have the committee move forward with developing the detailed plans and begin implementation of those plans.

Trustee Mortenson stated that he also completed the survey of the Professional Development portion of the Strategic Plan and will distribute the results of the questionnaire to the Board at the next

meeting. With regard to the Citizen's Fire Academy, he felt that even though Wheaton Fire Department has been conducting a similar program for quite some time, FF Troutman has far exceeded his expectations on the program he has put together, particular for the first time out. He expressed his appreciate to FF Troutman and those that helped him put together such a comprehensive program.

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

New Business: Winfield Village Trustees Allen and Hughes were in attendance to discuss the Village of Winfield Comprehensive Plan and how they would like to see the Fire District and the Village work together towards a common goal for a better community for everyone. In addition, they offered possible options that could better serve the Fire District than what the Fire District has previously been considering. After much discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. Trustee Keck abstained. Motion carried.

The Resolution reads as follows:

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Winfield Fire Protection District supports the Village of Winfield's Comprehensive Plan to develop Roosevelt Road on the condition that resources are made available to provide adequate fire protection and emergency medical services to that area.”

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for February was presented reflecting a total of \$31,171.43. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary