## Regular Meeting April 17, 2007

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:38 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

<u>Members Present</u>: President Phillip J. Saas, Secretary George T. Kallas, Trustee Gary L. Muehlfelt, Trustee William R. Thar and Trustee Mark Klage.

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

<u>Swear in New Trustee</u>: Secretary Kallas administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Trustee Mark Klage.

<u>Election of Officers</u>: President Saas opened the floor for nominations for the office of President. Trustee Kallas nominated Trustee Saas to the office of President, seconded by Trustee Thar. There being no other nominations, on a motion by Trustee Kallas and seconded by Trustee Thar, Trustee Saas was elected to the office of President. All in favor.

President Saas then open the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. Trustee Thar nominated Trustee Kallas to the office of Secretary, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. There being no other nominations, on a motion by Trustee Thar, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt, Trustee Kallas was elected to the office of Secretary. All in favor.

President Saas then made a motion that the Board continue to retain the services of Robert Harris as the Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

<u>Minutes</u>: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/26/07 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Kallas made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer Harris reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March, which reflected a beginning balance of \$761,385.52 in the General Money Market and General Checking Accounts. After deposits totaling \$23,338.65 and disbursements of \$131,835.55, the ending balance was \$652,888.62. The Equipment Fund Money Market balance was \$80,647.66, and the ending balance for the certificates of deposit was \$1,181,686.33, leaving a total fund balance of \$1,915,222.61. There being no questions, Trustee Thar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

<u>Chief's Report</u>: Chief DiMenza notified the Board that he has been working with Central DuPage Hospital over the last several months in an attempt to increase the monetary stipend made to the District to offset some of the services offered by the District. Although the amount requested was significantly higher, Central DuPage Hospital offered to increase the annual

amount by \$25,000.00. Chief DiMenza also told representatives of Central DuPage Hospital that when they build their next building, which is rather significant, the District would need a contribution of \$1 million at the start of construction. Given the fact that the Hospital is not required to pay any money to the Fire District, Chief DiMenza recommended that the Board accept the offer of an additional \$25,000.00 per year and authorize him to sign the agreements between the Fire District and Central DuPage Hospital. President Saas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt, to authorize Chief DiMenza to sign the agreements. All in favor.

<u>Deputy Chief's Report</u>: None.

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

Old Business: None.

<u>Consent Agenda</u>: The items on the consent agenda was the Monthly Run Report for March 2007. Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

<u>New Business</u>: Trustee Muehlfelt asked Chief DiMenza if he went any further with the false alarm ordinance, and Attorney Weiler stated that he is drafting an ordinance which he had hoped to have for this meeting but was unable to complete it in time.

Chief DiMenza then spoke about information he received that Cantigny Foundation was threatened with a lawsuit some years back by West Chicago School District because of their tax exempt status. As a result, Cantigny apparently sends West Chicago School District a monetary stipend. Trustee Muehlfelt suggested that Attorney Weiler check this information further to confirm its accuracy, and if confirmed, pursue obtaining a commitment with Cantigny for a contribution to the Fire District. In addition, Trustee Muehlfelt stated that Attorney Weiler should investigate the tax status of the doctors' offices and Walgreens located inside of the hospital. Attorney Weiler stated that he could have a conversation with the County Assessor Board of Review and have them investigate it as a complaint. Treasurer Harris also suggested investigating a way to receive some income from UBIT, Unrelated Business Income Tax.

The Board next discussed the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance No. 263, which was previously discussed during the Public Hearing immediately preceding this meeting. There being no further discussion, Trustee Klage made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 263, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor by roll call vote.

Chief DiMenza provided information to the Board of Trustees regarding updating the voicemail system and software for the current telephone system at a cost of \$5,379.00. At the Board's request, Chief DiMenza will obtain quotes on the cost for an entirely new system to see if that would be a better way rather than just spending that kind of money on software alone. Fire Commissioner Jim Clarke offered to help out with this information, as he is in this line of work.

<u>Payment of Bills</u> : The monthly bill list was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$109,547.02. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.
Other Business: None.
There being no further discussion, President Saas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Thar, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition and pending litigation. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary