

Regular Meeting
August 18, 2009

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, Treasurer Dan Keck, and Trustee Jeffrey Lockard. Absent: Trustee Jenny Saylor.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/21/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Lockard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Resident Rob Hannen read a thank you letter to the Board from him and his wife with regard to his wife's medical emergency that required their calling the ambulance. He stated that Kevin Palazzola and Audrey Finkel were very calming and professional, and they appreciated the service of the entire department. Trustee Saas thanked Mr. Hannen for coming to the Board meeting to thank the District personally, stating that not many people are willing to make that extra effort.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July. As of 7/31/09, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and working capital CD was \$1,038,879.00. After deposits of \$45,426.95, disbursements of \$167,546.15, the ending balance for those accounts was \$916,759.80. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$888,037.51, giving a total of all funds of \$1,804,797.31. There being no questions, Trustee Lockard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza spoke about his meeting with the head of the Village Water Department, Ty Loomis, regarding the fire hydrant maintenance program. The program will begin in early September, and they will meet again in a couple of weeks to pinpoint the hydrants to be tested. The program will continue until the frost and then begin again in the spring.

A meeting between Chief DiMenza and the representative from Verizon clarified that Verizon is looking toward putting a repeating antenna on the Station, not an actual cell phone tower. So there would be no opportunity for other cellular services to utilize that tower. It is primarily for Central DuPage Hospital as a repeater. The next phase would be to bring out an engineer to talk about a generator that Verizon would pay for and install to back up the electrical for that antenna system, as they are bringing in a separate power source as well. Trustee Saas offered to be available with the engineer comes out to discuss any questions that might come up. The Board agreed to offer the use of our generator in exchange for additional compensation, if Verizon would prefer to do that.

Chief DiMenza then spoke about the trip he and the members of the new apparatus committee made to Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin, stating that the trip went well and the engine will be delivered next April.

The supervisor of SWAP (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program) met with Chief DiMenza to discuss having the station painted. SWAP will come back on 8/31/09, paint the apparatus floor, clean the wood on top, and paint all of the brown areas around the doorways. The District would have to rent the scaffolding and purchase the supplies.

The annual Legislative Day is scheduled for 9/3/09, and it will be at the Carol Stream Fire Protection District to give the legislators an opportunity to wear the gear and go into the training tower with professional firefighters. Chief DiMenza stated that if any of the trustees would like to participate in this exercise, please let him know by next Friday and he will include them in the attendance.

Chief DiMenza reminded the Board that the MDA Fill the Boot drive will be August 28th from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. If any board members can help out for a little while, it would be appreciated.

The Good Old Days is coming up the second weekend in September, and Chief DiMenza stated that the Fire District will have a booth with the other vendors to distribute fire prevention and public education materials. There will be no brat booth this year.

At the September Board Meeting, Chief DiMenza will ask Lt. Formento to give a short presentation on the District's training division. Then at the October Board Meeting, he will have Lt. Daly give a presentation on the DuPage Fire Investigation Task Force.

Chief DiMenza also reminded the Board that Fire Prevention Week is in October, and the District's Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ed Troutman thought it would be beneficial to have a "Meet the Trustees" table to give the Trustees an opportunity to interact with the community. Chief DiMenza will give a summary of the Open House activities at the October Board Meeting.

Lt. Evans was then asked to give a short presentation on Fire District statistics, which included the emergency response history of the Department since 1988 and how those statistics have changed over the years. The Board complimented and thanked Lt. Evans for his presentation.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated the Board of Fire Commissioners has completed the oral interviews of all of the full-time candidates to fill the two vacant positions. There are 13 candidates remaining, and the preliminary list was posted today. Those candidates have 10 days by law to claim their preferences points, at which time a final eligibility register will be completed and posted. He stated that the goal is to get two new full-time firefighters started by October 1, 2009 following background investigations, psychological evaluations and physical examinations.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for July as well as a thank you card. There being no discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

New Business: Chief DiMenza discussed his memorandum regarding a new roof for Station #1. After discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to contract with Siefert Builders to general contract the job at a cost not to exceed \$10,500.00, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for August was presented reflecting a total of \$71,936.23. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Keck stated that there is an opportunity for the Trustees to march in the Good Old Days parade, and he thought that would be a good idea to have the Fire District represented in that fashion. The Board agreed.

There being nothing further, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary