

Regular Meeting
8/20/19

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, Secretary Phillip Saas, Trustee Jennifer Saylor, Treasurer George Kallas and Trustee Randall Simpson.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/16/19 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or amendments, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 7/31/19 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and showed a beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account of \$1,297,969.02. After deposits of \$92,767.37 and disbursements of \$241,827.51, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,148,908.88. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,804,317.74, giving a total of all funds of \$2,953,226.62. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza reviewed several calls that occurred over the last month. He also made mention that FF/PM Jake Armstrong completed his one year probation, FF/PM Seth Lamb completed 5 years of service, and Mike Pope completed 10 years of service. Chief DiMenza then informed the Board that a serious hail storm came through a few months ago, severely damaging both HVAC units on the rooftop. After filing a claim with IRMA, the District received a reimbursement check for the cost of complete replacement of both units, which were installed last week. Finally, Chief DiMenza discussed renovations that will be done at Cantigny, including the installation of a sprinkler system in the mansion.

DC Evans spoke about Winfield hosting a rural operations training sessions. He then informed the Board that he had a meeting with the Village of Winfield on combining fire prevention codes between both organizations.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler distributed a draft letter he had prepared as a follow-up to recent discussions with Northwestern Hospital/CDH on financial assistance. After discussion, the Board agreed they would like time to review the letter more in detail before taking action.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: DC Evans was approached by Curt Barrett from the Village of Winfield with a request to allow the Village to obtain an appraisal of Station #32. After discussion, the Board agreed that the District is not interested in selling that property any time soon, so an appraisal would be unnecessary at this point in time.

DC Evans then gave a PowerPoint presentation on seeking a referendum. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to authorize Attorney Weiler to prepare the necessary Ordinance, and asked that Consideration of Approval of a Tax Referendum Proposition be put on the next agenda.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for August was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$59,392.96. 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.

Trustee Saas made a motion to recess into Executive Session to review previous Executive Session minutes and potential litigation/terms and conditions of employment, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The regular meeting was recessed into to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

(Executive Session)

Following the adjournment of closed session, President Klage reconvened the regular meeting of the Trustees on August 20, 2019, calling it to order at 9:35 p.m. The public was invited into the reconvened session. Present were Trustees Mark Klage, Randall Simpson, Jennifer Saylor, Phillip Saas and George Kallas. Also present were Chief DiMenza, Deputy Chief Evans and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Upon calling the meeting to order, President Klage called for a motion concerning the release of Executive Session minutes. Trustee Saas moved that the minutes of the Closed Session meetings of the Winfield Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for the following dates be released into the public record: February 17, 2015; March 17, 2015; May 19, 2015; August 18, 2015; April 19, 2016; May 17, 2016; June 21, 2016; February 21, 2017; May 16, 2017, July 18, 2017; October 17, 2017; November 20, 2018, and that all other minutes of Closed Session meetings of the Board of Trustees not being released into the public record, remain closed to the public. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. Trustee Saas then made a motion that all recordings of Closed Session meetings of the Board of Trustees made 18 months or more prior to August 20, 2019 be destroyed, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

There being nothing further for Open Session, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary