

Regular Meeting
September 15, 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, Treasurer Dan Keck, Trustee Jenny Saylor, and Trustee Jeffrey Lockard. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/18/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August. As of 8/31/09, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and working capital CD was \$916,759.80. After deposits of \$113,109.42, disbursements of \$176,292.72, the ending balance for those accounts was \$603,576.50. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,140,524.52, giving a total of all funds of \$1,744,101.02. There being no questions, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza gave a brief summary of the IEMA Conference held in Springfield that he and Deputy Chief Lewis attended.

Chief DiMenza informed the Board that the new Pierce engine is scheduled to be delivered in April of 2010.

Members of the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) have been at the station for the past couple of weeks to wash the apparatus bay ceiling, paint the apparatus room and paint the outside trim. They should be completed by the end of this week.

Chief DiMenza stated that Legislative Day was held on September 3rd, and several trustees attended, giving them the opportunity to learn a lot.

The Board of Fire Commissioners had their final meeting and have made their conditional offers of hire to the top two candidates. The next step will be the background investigations, psychological tests and physicals.

Chief DiMenza thanked all of those who assisted with the MDA Fill the Boot Drive, and he stated that \$2,014.79 was collected.

The Fire District had a table set up in the vendor tent for the Good Old Days with some fire prevention and public education information. Chief DiMenza thanked the volunteers who donated their time at the booth.

The roof and eyebrows over the apparatus doors have been completed.

Chief DiMenza reminded the Board that the Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00.

Although there was supposed to be a training presentation at this meeting, Chief DiMenza informed the Board that Lt. Formento, the training officer, is at an arson conference for the week so that presentation will be in October along with a summary of the Open House and Fire Prevention Week activities. Chief DiMenza then plans on having an Arson Task Force presentation in November.

A legislation update list was distributed to the Board as well.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis spoke about the helicopter pad at Central DuPage Hospital, stating that the original transport agreement was with Air Angels, who is no longer in business. After discussions several other hospitals with the same situation as Central DuPage Hospital helipad location, Deputy Chief Lewis requested Board authorization to reduce the transport fee from \$450.00 to \$200.00 per transport to be billed to the patient and to have Attorney Weiler draft a new ambulance billing ordinance that would include that \$200.00 fee. Attorney Weiler stated that he will have that ordinance prepared for adoption at the next meeting.

Deputy Chief Lewis reviewed the site plan drawings provided by Verizon indicating the two possible locations for their antenna on this station. After discussion, the Board agreed that they would only be in favor of the antenna if Verizon was able to obtain a variance from the Village of Winfield for that purpose to place the equipment hut on the west side of the building.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler discussed the hydrant agreement with the Village's concerns hand-written on the draft. He prepared a revised copy, but he didn't bring it because it contained language that was completely contrary to what he thought was the District Board's intentions with regard to liability if something goes wrong during the hydrant testing. Before moving forward with the agreement, he suggested that he speak with the attorney for the Village of Winfield to get some more specific details and explain to her what dire conditions the Village's water system is in and why this agreement was prepared. He felt it was necessary to impress upon her the public safety issue this has now become.

Attorney Weiler next spoke about the evaluation process the Board has been interested in pursuing and was attempting to find a way to accomplish this without reinventing the wheel. He spoke to Mr. Bob Buhs, the Executive Director of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, who teaches public administration and has plenty of experience in this area. Mr. Buhs agreed to come to an in-service with the District Board at no cost as part of his promotional services of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. At the request of the Board, Robin Youngberg will make arrangements to set up a special meeting for that purpose.

Old Business: None.

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

New Business: President Klage distributed a letter to the Board that Chief DiMenza received this afternoon regarding the issue of establishing a county wide fire district trustee association or work group. Deputy Chief Lewis spoke about a 30-page document he received regarding the creation of a county-wide fire protection district, indicating the pros and the cons. The Board agreed to have President Klage contact Deputy Chief Markowski of the Addison Fire Protection District to indicate Winfield's interest.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for August was presented reflecting a total of \$63,172.11. There being no questions, Trustee Keck made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being nothing further, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary