

Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2012

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:37 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 and Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis, and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/21/12 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Lockard made a motion to approve all sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Trustee Hughes from the Village of Winfield stated that the Matson Property is on the agenda for a final vote from the Village on Thursday. It appears that the offer has a 5-2 vote in favor, so he invited representatives of the Fire District to attend that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck presented the Treasurer's Report for 8/31/12. As of 8/31/12, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$775,759.62. After deposits of \$69,895.05 and disbursements of \$232,215.91, the ending balance for those accounts was \$613,438.91. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,528,287.76 (\$1,027,839.06 for Capital Projects and \$500,448.70 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,141,726.52. There being no further questions, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza gave an update on the activities of the West Suburban Fire/Rescue Alliance over the last few months, and spoke about how the departments coordinated during storm mode or other busy times. He also reviewed some of the upcoming challenges to be addressed by the Alliance.

Chief DiMenza was also contacted by Bloomingdale Fire Protection District and asked to head up one of the shifts at the Rider Cup Golf Tournament. He felt very privileged to be invited to participate.

Deputy Chief Lewis wanted to point out that there were three pay periods during the month of August, causing an increase in the payroll figures on the Treasurer's Report.

Deputy Chief Lewis distributed an article from a reporter that was in attendance at the last meeting, and he noted that most of the information in that article was inaccurate or misquoted. He also printed off a Winfield 411 post today, indicating that the Village President Deb Birutis met with Mike Vivoda of Cadence Health to ask them to donate funds to offset the cost of several Village projects. He reminded the Board that although the agreements are in the process of being signed this

year, the District should not be relying on those funds for operations, as they could cease at any time, especially if more entities are requesting the same type of arrangement.

Attorney's Report: None. Trustee Keck thanked Attorney Weiler for his informative presentation last month on the tax levy information. Attorney Weiler stated that he will be sending out a Governor's Directive that adds to the Freedom of Information Act requirements, talking about making local governmental information more accessible than it already is.

Old Business: With regard to the Strategic Plan, Trustee Saylor felt that the entire Board needed to meet on this topic again before attempting additional committee meetings. She felt that since the last few board meetings did not have all Board Members in attendance, everyone was not privy to the same information at the same time. Having a special meeting of the entire Board will allow everyone to be on the same page with information and decision making. President Klage will email the Board with some dates to schedule that meeting.

Trustee Keck said that there is a Response Time Committee meeting on October 10, 2012 at 7:00 to update the PowerPoint presentation given at the last public information meeting. Additionally, there is a follow-up public information meeting scheduled for November 15, 2012 at 7:00.

Trustee Keck also informed the Board that the next DuPage Fire District Association meeting is on October 14, 2012 in Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District, and the speaker will be Grant Eckoff, who will be speaking on consolidating fire districts within the County.

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

New Business: Trustee Keck asked if there is a pancake breakfast scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. Chief DiMenza said that date would be difficult, as he will have to leave early to attend the Rider Cup. After discussion, it was decided to host the pancake breakfast until after the Open House, which is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Further, the Board decided not to do a mailing on either event to save the cost of postage. They felt that the various signs through the District and the information sent home with the kids in school, that should be advertising enough.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for August was presented reflecting a total of \$29,602.14. Trustee Keck made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion in open session, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), pending litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary