

Regular Meeting
September 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:30 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 Jenny Saylor, and Trustee Jeffrey Lockard.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza and Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis, Attorney Bernie Weiler, and Village of Winfield Trustees Reyes and Hughes.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/16/11 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor

Remarks From Floor: Mr. Terrence J. Benshoof was in attendance to present awards to Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis on behalf of the Employee Support of the Guard and the Reserve. Their names were submitted by FF Matthew Smith, who just completed a tour in Afghanistan and wanted to express his appreciation to the Chiefs for their continued support.

Mr. Benshoof then asked the District to make a written statement of support of the Guard and Reserve, stating that they will continue to support and help all of the United States soldiers to do their job and keep morale high.

Deputy Chief Lewis informed the Board that today was FF Smith's first day back to active duty with the District. The Board welcomed him home and back to work, and expressed their appreciate for his service and dedication.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August. As of 8/31/11, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$816,296.42. After deposits of \$48,458.90 and disbursements of \$162,848.13, the ending balance for those accounts was \$701,907.19. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,394,620.00 (\$974,227.82 for Capital Projects and \$420,392.18 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,096,527.19. Treasurer Keck stated that there is one CD coming due at the end of the month which will roll over into a new CD.

There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza told the Board that he was investigating alternative health insurance options with the same or better coverage at a significantly reduced premium. Renewal with the co-op is due in January, so this is a good time to do some comparison.

IRMA, the worker's compensation and liability insurance carrier, was at the Fire District administration offices a few weeks back to do a comprehensive review of the District's risk management goals and policies put into place to support that. Chief DiMenza thanked both Robin Youngberg and Lt. Steve Evans for all of their work during this process. The District's

percentage of success went from 96% up to 98%, which puts Winfield at the second highest organization, out of 70 who participate, the highest being a library.

Chief DiMenza reminded the Board that the pancake breakfast is scheduled for the 24th of September between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. He asked if the Trustees would be willing to cook, while other employees did the rest of the work. The Board thought that was a great idea.

The Open House is scheduled for Saturday, 10/15/11 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Ed Troutman is heading up this event, and doing a great job.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis thanked Trustee Saylor for putting the pancake breakfast up on the Winfield Fire Protection District Facebook page.

Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis will be meeting with representatives of Central DuPage Hospital to review the agreements between the two agencies to change some verbiage prior to signing the new agreements.

Due to the length of this meeting, Deputy Chief Lewis passed on the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance Power Point presentation. However, on October 7, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. there will be a meeting among several village, city and fire officials at the Wheaton Fire Department headquarters station to discuss the Alliance. The target date for full implementation of the Alliance is January 1, 2012. He stressed that the Alliance is a functional cooperation between jurisdictions, not a merger.

Attorney's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis then informed the Board that he gave documents to Attorney Weiler regarding a lawsuit against the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District by several alarm companies. Until that lawsuit is resolved, he will not be contacting anymore businesses to encourage them to switch to wireless alarms. Deputy Chief Lewis added that he has also been contacted by several alarm companies as well. Attorney Weiler stated that he will need to consult with the attorney for Wheaton, whom Winfield has an intergovernmental agreement with. He stated that the fundamental basis of the Court's ruling was based on the Fire Protection Act, and the original decision has been brought to the Appellate Court. In the meantime, there is an attempt being made to amend the Fire Protection Act so that it includes providing fire alarm systems. The Board asked Attorney Weiler to give an update at the next meeting.

Old Business: Ordinance No. 289 establishing new ambulance service rates was discussed. Trustee Saas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 289, seconded by Trustee Keck. Motion carried by roll call vote.

At the request of the Board, Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis reviewed the costs associated with staffing Station #2. Chief DiMenza provided information on the physical renovations that would be necessary for that purpose, and Deputy Chief Lewis reviewed the costs of salaries and staffing. After much discussion, the Board thanked both Chiefs and took the information under advisement.

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

New Business: Winfield Village Trustee Tony Reyes addressed the Board regarding the TIF District, both current and proposed. He spoke about the purpose of a TIF District, his position on the use of TIF funds and why he has taken the position he has. His concern at this meeting was to encourage the District Board, if they haven't done so already, to become more involved with what the Village is doing with the TIF funds. Although the TIF expansion has been decided against, he felt it would be important for the Chief and perhaps the Board President to be actively involved in that process.

Ordinance No. 290 establishing salary ranges for employees was discussed. Trustee Lockard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 290, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

The Fire District received an email from Village Trustee Tim Allen regarding the proposed expansion of Beecher Street to County Farm Road, giving an east-west corridor on the south side of the railroad tracks to the underpass on County Farm Road. After discussion, Village Trustee Hughes asked the Board to pass a Resolution in support of this development, and provide that written Resolution to the Village and the County Board. Trustee Keck made a motion to pass that Resolution, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for September was presented reflecting a total of \$43,480.12. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary