

Regular Meeting
October 18, 2011

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 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 Allen and Hughes.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/20/11 were distributed prior to the meeting. 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: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September. As of 9/30/11, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$701,907.19. After deposits of \$903,694.12 and disbursements of \$241,134.00, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,364,467.31. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,395,078.32 (\$974,535.36 for Capital Projects and \$420,542.96 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,759,545.63. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Trustee Saas asked Attorney Weiler if it was appropriate or legal for the District to invest in bonds versus having the funds collateralized by bonds to capitalize on the better interest rate. Attorney Weiler stated that there is a governmentally pooled investment vehicle that the Board can investigate. He stated that the performance is pretty good, that it invests jointly but keeps separate ledgers for each party's investment. He said the problem he foresaw is that the District would not be holding that security, they would be holding someone else's investment. He will investigate that fund and let Treasurer Keck know what he finds out.

Treasurer Keck informed the Board that the Annual Audit was received and filed with the County. He recommended that for next year, perhaps the auditor can attend the Board meeting to be available present the Audit and answer any questions. Deputy Chief Lewis brought up a couple of verbiage issues that need to be corrected in next year's audit. Robin has already emailed the auditor to bring that to his attention.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza gave an overview of the pancake breakfast and how successful it was. He indicated that he would like to host another event after the winter months and perhaps ask a couple of local businesses if they would be interested in sponsoring the events as they occur. The Open House was a huge success, and Chief DiMenza thanked FF Eddie Troutman for all of his efforts in organizing and coordinating the Open House and everyone who helped out at the event. Chief DiMenza proposed that the District offer FF Troutman an additional paid day off to be used between now and the end of the year as an expression of their appreciation for all of his hard work. The Board agreed with that suggestion. In addition, Chief DiMenza thanked Caliendo's Restaurant for supplying hotdogs, Wally Powrosek from the Village of

Winfield, who was able to get another 250 hotdogs and buns donated for free, and Milton Township CERT for bringing Culvers to the Open House.

Katrina Hubbard, who teaches the car seat safety technician classes, has offered to assist Chief and FF Troutman in organizing a Senior Fair with Loyola Medical Center. The theme would be a senior wellness fair at Station #1, and will be at no cost to the District or residents.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the CDH agreements are still up in the air, and some verbiage changes were reviewed by Attorney Weiler, who agreed that the proposed changes really don't affect the impact of the agreement so there is no reason not to agree to those changes.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler was also asked to review an SOG Agreement and By-Laws for the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance that has been forming over the last couple of years. He will coordinate with Attorney Miller from Ottosen Britz, whose office prepared these documents, and iron out some of the wrinkles so that it closes up some of the obvious holes in the verbiage. After discussion, the Board agreed that Attorney Weiler will provide them, as well as the other jurisdictions involved, with the proposed amendments so that each jurisdiction can adopt the same documents in their completed form.

Old Business: Trustee Keck asked Attorney Weiler what is happening with the fire alarm situation. Attorney Weiler stated that the decision that everyone is concerned about is in the Appellate Court, indicating that the nature of the appeal would be to see whether or not the preliminary injunction was proper and if not, it will be sent back for further proceedings. Nothing further has developed otherwise. After discussion, Attorney Weiler stated that the Fire Prevention Bureau can continue to go forward as we have been, but to make sure that if any other company comes forward and says they can provide the same service at the same cost, that company should be given the opportunity to present their offer to the businesses.

Attorney Weiler next spoke about whether an individual trustee is entitled to review the employee's educational records. He stated that the Board as a whole can be privy to certain information, but individual trustees are not entitled to see individual information without the Board's agreement as a whole. He felt that it was a great idea for the Board to be involved at that level, but stated that in order for an individual Trustee to be entitled to that information, the Board would have to authorize that specifically.

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

New Business: Mr. Rich Moss of Corkhill Insurance Agency gave a presentation on an alternative health insurance plan, which included an HSA account. After the presentation and discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Moss for the information and stated that they would like the opportunity to review it in more detail and give it careful consideration. President Klage asked Chief DiMenza to make sure the topic is on the Agenda for the November meeting.

President Klage stated that there has been some discussion about setting up a workshop to discuss the Strategic Plan, and he wanted to know if anybody had any particular day of the week they preferred in November or December. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet on 11/7/11 at 6:00 at Station #1. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss the Strategic Plan and review the employee questionnaire results.

Trustee Saylor then asked for a decision on the employee certifications, explaining that she felt that in order for the Strategic Plan to work effectively, it would be helpful to know what educational levels would open doors for different people. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that he will get started working on a spreadsheet that shows State Fire Marshal Certifications.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for October was presented reflecting a total of \$64,792.26. Trustee Keck made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion for Open Session, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing Pension Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary