Regular Meeting November 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Saas 7:37 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

<u>Members Present</u>: Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Dan Keck, Trustee Cliff Mortenson, and Trustee Jenny Saylor. Absent: President Mark Klage.

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

<u>Minutes</u>: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/15/13 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 10/31/13 in advance of the meeting. As of 10/31/13, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,602,950.81. After deposits of \$54,424.95 and disbursements of \$276,084.29, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,381,291.47. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,140,353.84 (\$557,477.41 for Capital Projects and \$582,876.43 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,521,645.31. There being no further discussion, Trustee Mortenson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

<u>Chiefs' Reports</u>: Chief DiMenza reviewed the Statement of Expenditures vs Budget Report for the first six months of the year.

Deputy Chief Lewis asked about the radio alarm situation based on the recent letter received from the City of Wheaton. Attorney Weiler suggested that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session.

<u>Old Business</u>: Trustee Mortenson felt that some of the things he had said at the last meeting may have been misunderstood, and he wanted to clarify his position and his statements. After discussion, he apologized if he offended anyone with his statements.

Trustee Mortenson next spoke about the Strategic Plan, stating that he had met with Trustee Keck with regard to the consolidation issue, and they thought it would be best to have a special meeting and get all of the questions brought to that meeting for answers to see how, if at all, to move forward. After discussion, Trustee Saas suggested that the Board do a workshop at the next regular board meeting and keep the rest of the Agenda minimal, if possible. He asked that the Board Members email their list of questions to Robin a week ahead of time so that she can compile them into one list for discussion.

Trustee Keck stated that, consolidation aside, the Board still needs to make some decisions on how it is going to accomplish the goals that were laid out with the Strategic Plan. He felt that a decision

needed to be made one way or the other on the Strategic Plan and that if the Board keeps delaying, they will continue mission opportunities to get on the ballot if a referendum is the choice for additional revenue. Trustee Saas stated that he would like to set up a meeting with Central DuPage Hospital, himself and the Chief Officers to determine what their thoughts are and where they are going and what their long-range plans are with respect to the Fire District. In addition, he would like to find out if they are interested in the Fire District's corner lot. He felt that if the District goes for a referendum, those funds should be for the purpose of shoring up the budget before anything else. So before making a decision on a referendum, he would like to see how CDH is willing to assist with additional funding, if at all. The Board then discussed referendum options and ideas.

<u>Consent Agenda</u>: The Consent Agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for October. Trustee Keck made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

<u>New Business</u>: There being no questions following the Public Hearing, Trustee Saylor made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Ordinance No. 301, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor by roll call vote.

<u>Payment of Bills</u>: The Bill List for November was presented reflecting a total of \$83,781.56. Trustee Saylor made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

<u>Other Business</u>: The Winfield Fire Protection District Pension prepared and submitted to the Board the Municipal Compliance Report requesting \$197,303 to be levied by the District for the Pension Fund. There being no questions, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the Municipal Compliance Report and levy the requested amount, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor by roll call vote.

Trustee Keck asked about health insurance and when the renewal is. Deputy Chief Lewis informed him that the District will renew as of 12/1/13 at a 1% reduction in premium.

There being no further discussion for Open Session, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing Potential Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President Pro Tem

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary