



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. September 20, 2007

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order by Frank Wolowic, President. Roll call indicated those present were Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, and Chief Steingart. Also present was attorney Carolyn Welch Clifford. The minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting were reviewed, motion to approve as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Reports:

President- No report

Secretary- No report

Treasurer- No report

A presentation of flowers was made to Ginny Klein in celebration of her 30 years of service to the District.

Chief's Report:

The regular monthly reports on Bureau activity, construction update and revenue report were reviewed.

Personnel:

Chief talked about his first year in office and thanked the Board for their support.

Chief noted the monthly report on training that was completed by District personnel.

Chief advised the Board that Capt. Mike Hodges retirement date was December 8th. Nancy Gibbs is also retiring with her last day being October 26th.

Chief Steingart asked the Board for permission to enter into a contract with Paige Personnel Services to find a replacement for Nancy Gibbs. Motion by Bryan Hogan, second by Frank Wolowic. Motion carried.

Facilities:

Chief gave an update on Station 1. A final walk through with the architect was done on Sept. 7th.

Chief reported that the dedication ceremony for Station 1 is set for September 29th at 10:00 AM.

The District's dispatch center began operations at Station one on Sept. 17th.

Vehicles:

Chief stated that the surplus ladder truck would be put up for sale as soon as repairs are completed.

Chief advised that he has talked to Long Grove and Wauconda about a replacement for the hose tender.

Programs

The Chief gave an update on the Blue Cross and Condell dispute. Talks are ongoing. We met with our insurance broker to discuss next year's coverage and the possibility that Condell would not be in our network.



Chief Steingart asked that the Board approve staff paying bills bi-monthly. Motion by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

Chief reported that the State Fire Marshal's office recently audited the District's training files. He is happy to report that the District received an excellent rating due to Capt. Arnswald's efforts.

Other:

Chief reported that Mundelein's new fire chief will be sworn in on October 22nd. He is Tim Sashko, current Buffalo Grove chief. The District's Chiefs have an excellent relationship with Chief Sashko and look forward to working with him.

District staff met with Dave Grupp from IPRF. Workers Comp insurance rates should be stable for the next two years.

Attorney's Report:

Carolyn Clifford advised the Board that the plaintiffs attorney may be looking to settle the sprinkler suit.

Ms. Clifford's office has not heard from the State's Attorney regarding any property tax objections (in packet).

The District's tax exemption has been granted by the Review Board.

Old Business

There has not been any action regarding the annexation of the small piece of property at Station 1 that is still in Long Grove.

US Cellular is still interested in replacing our tower at Station 1.

Remarks From the Floor

None

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve and pay the bills as presented by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown. Motion Carried.

Ron Grant
Acting Recording Secretary