



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD October 18, 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. John Kelly, attorney, was also present. The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed, motion to approve by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Chief's Report

The regular monthly reports on responses, Bureau activity, training and monthly revenue were reviewed. Chief noted that the District is on target to hit 3800 calls for 2007.

Personnel

Nancy Gibbs last day is October 26, trustees invited to luncheon for her retirement. Chief announced that her replacement, Lisa Pigat, had started on the 15th. Captain Mike Hodges will be retiring on Dec.8, Chief has started the process to hire off the eligibility list to fill the vacancy. Also, Chief wants to swear in new officers at the November 15 meeting, Brian Garrity to Captain and Chuck Smith to Lieutenant effective 12/10/07.

Facilities

Midlothian Road station – Dedication was held on September 29 with the Lloyd Kiene family in attendance. Chiefs working on final punch list with Riley and SRBL.

Equipment

Grants – still waiting for the firefighter fitness grant. Received \$1500 grant from Ill.Dept. of Public Health, it was used for CPR mannequin.

Vehicles

Chief advised that the aerial truck will be ready to sell by the end of October. Also, they are looking to add a 2000 gallon water tender to the fleet – looking at about \$150,000.

Programs

Medical Insurance – Chief updated the Board on the Condell/Blue Cross issues. The standoff involves our employees health insurance and also our patients desire to be taken to other hospital because they have Blue Cross.

Chief updated Board on meeting with VFIS/IPRF for December renewals on insurance. There is a new law on the books regarding what is compensable by WC and IPRF plans to front load the new possible claim coverage with a \$250 per head charge. Gerry Grupe is fine tuning the renewals, rates will be ready for November meeting. Chief is going to check out other possible coverage as other Lake County departments are doing.

Audit – Draft audit reviewed by staff, final to be prepared for November meeting. Chief working on MD&A letter.

Attorney's Report

Sprinkler case – John Kelly advised that there is another court date set for mid-November. Mr. Clark need to file a motion or settle, he is working with his client to settle.

Motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan; roll call vote – Wolowic-aye; Brown – aye; Hogan – aye. When the meeting was recalled to order it was announced that no action was taken.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

Ginny Klein
Recording Secretary

