



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING NOVEMBER 15, 2007

The Truth in Taxation Hearing was called to order at 7:15 pm per the published notice to review and discuss Ordinance 07-O-03 - 2007 Levy Ordinance. It was noted that there was no one present in the audience, no questions for the Board. Motion to close hearing by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD November 15, 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 October 18 meeting were reviewed, motion to approve as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Chief's Report

Personnel – Brian Garrity and Chuck Smith were sworn in as Captain and Lieutenant by the Trustees.

Insurance – Gerry Grupe and Brian Strassburger from VFIS were on hand with insurance information for District property and liability program and also the WC renewals. The property/liability renewal was for \$45,558. The Workman's Comp renewal came in at \$230,479.00. Discussion followed on the new law (old injuries can not be claimed, the insurance companies are expecting a large influx of old claims). Illinois Public Risk Fund has chosen a pro-active route and has established a reserve fund by charging a "per head" fee for firefighters. The Chief told the trustees of other bids and recommended keeping insurance with VFIS and IL Public Risk Fund. Motion to approve renewals for property/liability and workmen's comp by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Facilities – Chief reported on the final punch-list updates for Station 1 and should have final invoices shortly.

Equipment –

Grants – still waiting to hear on the firefighter fitness grant.

Vehicles

4-130 is on the market for sale through IL and International Fire Chiefs, asking price is \$85,000.00.

4-190 has been delivered and will be in service shortly. 4-198 (2000 Ford Explorer) should be declared surplus and will be taken out of service. Motion to declare 4-198 surplus by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Programs

Medical Insurance – Chief updated trustees on the Condell/Blue Cross issue, along with the District renewal on employee health insurance. He advised that employees prefer to keep BC/BS, even though Condell is not accepting at this point. The BC/BS renewal came in at a 5% decrease in premium. Chief advised to continue program.

Audit – the draft audit was reviewed...Chief advised the trustees that the final would be delivered by Friday. Chief requested approval by the Board so it could be submitted to state. Motion to adopt the 2007 annual financial statement subject to the minor changes approved by the Chief and the auditor by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Roll call vote: Wolowic-aye; Brown-aye; Hogan-aye.



Attorney's Report

John advised that the Truth in Taxation hearing was held at 7:pm – there was no one in the audience, no questions on the tax levy. Therefore, John had prepared Ordinance #07-O-03 – the 2007 Levy, Motion to adopt as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Roll call vote – Wolowic-aye; Brown-aye; Hogan-aye.

Sprinkler case – Still pending.

Assessments – couple of objections filed and heard . No results against CFPD announced.

Bills for the month in the amount of \$286,397.51 were reviewed. After discussion, motion to approve as paid by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Ginny Klein
Recording Secretary