



# COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

## MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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 and Chief Steingart. Also present was John Kelly, attorney. The Minutes of the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed, motion to accept as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved. The trustees had received copies of the May 17 and October 18, 2007 closed session meetings for their review. Motion by Frank Wolowic to approve and not release these Minutes, seconded by Bruce Brown; motion carried.

### Chief's Report

The regular monthly reports on responses, Bureau activity, training certificates and monthly revenue were reviewed.

Personnel – Chief presented Firemedic Jessica Petska as the newest career firefighter. Frank Wolowic did the swearing in. Chief advised that Nancy Gibbs had accepted a short term assignment to return to the Admin. Assistant while options for the future were being reviewed.

Chief announced that 52 applications had been taken out for the career testing to begin in April.

Facilities – Chief reported that the heating system at Station 1 is still being adjusted. There is still a problem with the tox alert system.

Equipment – Chief advised that the 1981 aerial ladder truck had been sold to the Lawrenceville FPB in Southern Illinois for \$72,000.00. He also reported on the trip to Pierce – still waiting for preliminary specs/costs for new equipment.

Grants – Fitness Grant for 2007 had been denied.

SOG's, Employee Handbook and Strategic Plan – all documents are expected to be updated and drafts will be ready for the Board before the March meeting. A/C Grant is also finalizing all the information to be submitted for the re-accreditation process. It should go in by the end of the month and the on-site re-evaluation should be by summer.

### Attorney's Report

John Kelly reported on the new bills introduced in Springfield to adopt changes that would address the tax cap on the Pension tax – and that many new benefits are being considered for the pension plans. He also updated trustees on a study by the Illinois Municipal League on the funding of pension funds.

Residential sprinkler case – Attorney Larry Clark has indicated to John that the participants in this case may consider settling this case. John hopes for a final answer before the March court date.

Mercury Insurance Case – The District Insurance (Glafelter) advised Mercury Ins. that the District is not liable in their case and has denied their claim for reimbursement.



Old Business – vehicle on e-bay not yet sold. Continuing process to find a buyer.

Bills - Trustees reviewed batches of paid invoices in the amount of \$151,856.76, motion to approve as submitted by Bruce Brown, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved. Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

Ginny Klein  
Recording Secretary