



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD March 20, 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, Bryan Hogan and Chief Steingart. Also present was Ericka Thomas, attorney. The Minutes of the February 21 meeting were reviewed, motion to accept as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Chief's Report

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

Personnel – Chief reported that the physical program had been changed from Condell to the health and wellness program through Dr. Fagan. The new program includes inhouse physicals and a fitness program in the District exercise rooms. The physicals have been completed and the feedback from Dr. and patients was excellent. This program also includes injury/fitness for duty releases according to the standards.

Equipment

Chief updated trustees on grant process – currently working on grant for diesel exhaust ventilation system for station 2. Quote for \$75,300 submitted in this process. Chief also submitted to IPRF for the \$12,000 grant to purchase carbon monoxide and cyanide monitors. Also, George Tejcek applied for an Illinois Clean Energy grant – for energy efficient lighting system for station 2.

Vehicles – A preliminary quote from Global Fire Equipment for a pumper squad in the amount of \$563,000. Chief reported that this quote was consistent with Northwest Municipal Conference bid and advised that there would be a \$22,319 price increase at June 1. Chief requested permission to get final quote and proceed with the process with Pierce Mfg. Chief plans to have final specs for pumper squad and tanker for May meeting (to be included in the budget process for 08-09).

Policies

Chief reviewed the revised/updated Employee Handbook, The 2007 Annual Report and the 2008-10 Strategic Plan with the trustees. Motion to approve the Employee Handbook by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved. Motion to approve the 2007 Annual Report by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved. Motion to approve the 2008 – 2010 Strategic Plan by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Accreditation

Chief advised that all the preliminary documents had been submitted to CFAI, the on site team had been assigned and would be at CFPD in early May. A/C Grant has been updating and responding to the teams questions. Chief requested that a trustee be available during the onsite visit...updates to follow.

Intergovernmental Relations

Chief updated the trustees on various municipal issues: Route 45 widening is not being funded until 2013. Long Grove and the Long Grove Fire District are in the process of updating the Villages Building and Fire Prevention Codes (they are in process of adopting 2006 International Code).



Attorney's Report

Ms. Thomas reported on the residential sprinkler case – waiting on settlement talks.

Also reported that there was no new action on tax objections.

Bills paid during the month submitted for approval in the amounts of \$250,533.12 and \$69,337.49. Motion to approve the payments by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

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

Ginny Klein
Recording Secretary