



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD April 17, 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 and Bryan Hogan. Bruce Brown was absent. Also present were Chief Steingart and Ericka Thomas, attorney. Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 20 meeting by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

Chief's Report

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

Personnel

Admin.Assistant – Chief reported that Nancy Gibbs had accepted an offer to return to full-time. Lisa Pigat Unemployment status – disqualified from receiving benefits.

Facilities

Station 1 – Chief told trustees that only landscaping remained on the list for finishing. Final walk thru for June.

Equipment

Grants – A/C Kazian had submitted grant request to FEMA for diesel exhaust fume ventilation system. District received \$12,000.00 IPRF grant – used towards the purchase of carbon monoxide/cyanide monitors.

Vehicles – Chief reported that the officers attending the FDIC in Indianapolis had checked out other fire engine offerings and reported back that they all preferred the Pierce pumper/squad spec as prepared in-house. Therefore, Chief requested approval to enter into a contract with Pierce as “sole source for the pumper/squad” with the price not to exceed \$600,000.00 to capture the price before their May price increase. The Chief advised the trustees that he is working with banking officers on line of credit for vehicle purchases – up to \$1,000,000. Motion to authorize Chief to enter into working contract with Pierce as sole source and finalize a spec/order, and to pursue a financing agreement, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Telephone System – Chief reported on current maintenance provider (Maron) – contract ends in June. After further research it was decided that it would be better to pursue a maintenance agreement with CCC for the future. John Kelly had reviewed the contract and is working on changes with Jim Dinsch, ITS. Motion to approve a maintenance contract with CCC after John Kelly finalizes the contract by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Programs – Chief advised that the EAV was received from the County - \$6,975,161.76. Allows for \$300,000 more income, drop in tax rate to .390. All departments are working on budget – plans to present final budget at June meeting.

Audit – proposal received from current auditor, Costabile & Steffens for three years. Motion to retain auditor by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

Chief announced that the accreditation team would be arriving on the 27th for the site team review. Dinner meeting scheduled for Sunday, the 27th – to be posted as special meeting for the purpose of discussing District information.



Attorney's Report

Ericka Thomas updated the Board on the status of the Residential Sprinkler case – hearing on 4/18. Could have settlement, one home is in the process of being sold – could affect outcome.

Bills

Bills listed in the amount of \$316,548.34 reviewed, motion to approve as submitted by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Motion to go into closed session for discussion of personnel by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved. Meeting recalled to order – no action taken in the closed session.

Motion to adjourn by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

Ginny Klein
Recording Secretary