



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD October 15, 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: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart and John Kelly, attorney. Minutes of the Sept. 18th meeting were reviewed, motion to approve as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Chief's Report

Regular monthly reports on Calls, Bureau Activity, Revenue Report and Training Certifications were reviewed.

Personnel

Business Manager – interview process to continue, initial candidate did not accept position.

Promotional testing continues – Interviews scheduled with candidates on 10/22.

Grants – no updates.

Vehicles – Bids on ambulance specs were opened today...reviewing in detail. Chief requests authorization to place an order "not to exceed" \$190,000. Motion to authorize the Chief to proceed with an ambulance replacement order with a bid not to exceed \$190,000 by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown. Roll call vote – Wolowic-aye; Brown-aye; Hogan-aye.

Financing – Chief discussed financing options for equipment purchases. A meeting has been scheduled with the bank to check into line of credit options. He reminded the Board of the new EPA requirements that would be effective in 2010 and the desire to replace equipment before then. After discussion Chief to proceed in checking out options with Mundelein Community Bank and others for rate comparisons.

Tax Levy – Chief provided information supplied by Lake County Tax Extension Office for the 2008 tax year to work towards tax levy. Chief advised that the EAV numbers were expected right after the election process and would have levy requirements ready for the November meeting. Truth in Taxation meeting to be held at 7:30pm on 11/20, District meeting will follow at 7:45pm.

Newsletter- most recent didn't make mailboxes as planned before the Pancake Breakfast. Chiefs looking into the vendor problem with mailing. Chief advised that they are also looking into using the Countryside website for "newsletter" delivery rather than bulk mail in the future.

Liability/Property/Workman's Comp insurance renewals are scheduled for December...Chiefs reviewing proposals from VFIS and ESIP, final quotes should be ready for November meeting.

Chief has submitted request for reimbursement to MABAS for most recent hurricane deployment - \$8959.00.

Attorney Report: No new info on tax objections. Also nothing new from the Illinois legislature – most of the fall veto session has been cancelled.

John had Ordinance 08-O-02 prepared to authorize charges for technical rescues. Motion to adopt by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.



Mike McNally gave the trustees an update on the residential sprinkler code meeting that he attended in Minnesota. The residential sprinkler code has passed and should be implemented by 2011. He has also had meetings with the Long Grove - Building Commission is updating their fire codes to include the Fire Protection District fire codes at January 1, 2009.

The listing of bills was presented in the amount of \$270,256.24 for review. Motion to approve as presented 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