



# COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

## MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD November 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: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Chief Steingart and Erika Thomas, attorney. Minutes of the October 16th meeting were reviewed, motion to approve as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

### Chief's Report

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

### Personnel

Business Manager – Tim Kasper will be starting at Countryside on December 1 as the new business manager. Ginny will retire on January 16, 2009.

Promotional testing continues – preliminary list to be posted the first week of December.

Grants – no updates.

Buildings – Com Ed has installed a street light at the entrance to Station 1, minimal charges monthly.

Vehicles – Final drawing and specification reviews not being conducted...expect to sign contract by beginning of December, new ambulance will be scheduled for delivery in early April.

Grants – Public Safety grant awarded in the amount of \$12800.00 from IPRF. The Safety Committee will be presenting ideas for use.

Levy- Chiefs met with Lake County assessor and the tax extension office. Still working on the levy requirements...will have ordinance prepared for December meeting.

Meetings – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary employee dinner scheduled for February 20, Ivanhoe Club.  
Annual Strategic planning meeting scheduled for January 19 at Reed Turner Center.

Insurance Renewals – Chiefs have met with ESIP and VFIS for renewal bids on property, liability, accident and sickness and workman's comp. Spreadsheet premiums and coverages reviewed...Chiefs recommended proceeding with the bid from VFIS for the property and liability in the amount of \$44,434.00, and Accident and Sickness with ESIP for \$8,666.00 and Workman's Comp through ESIP \$245,676. Motion to renew property and liability with VFIS by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown. Roll call vote-Wolowic-aye; Brown-aye; Hogan-absent. Motion to approve accident and sickness coverage through ESIP for \$8,666.00 by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown. Roll call vote – Wolowic-aye; Brown-aye; Hogan-absent. Motion to change broker for Workman's Comp coverage with II.Public Risk Fund to ESIP for premium of \$245,676 by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown. Roll call vote- Wolowic-aye; Brown-aye; Hogan-absent.

Condell Hospital – merger with Advocate is scheduled to be completed on December 1, 2008...Blue Cross Blue Shield will then be accepted there again.

Utilities - Chief Grant working with an energy broker to lock in better rates on gas and electricity, looking to save up to \$3,000 per year.



Newsletter update – worked out billing problem with the printer, he dropped the charges on the delayed issue. New newsletter “flyer” being prepared, will be delivered by school children to their homes.

Village of Vernon Hills – Chief advised the trustees that the Village is looking to add another senior housing complex near the school campus. Chief working with the village to secure funding for another ambulance tied to this project.

Attorney’s Report – Erika Thomas was on hand in John Kelly’s absence...had no new information on tax objections, legislation or ordinances. Levy Ordinance to be prepared for December meeting.

Bills – Motion to approve list of bills paid in the amount of \$259,180.80 by Bruce Brown, seconded by Frank Wolowic and approved.

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

Ginny Klein  
Recording Secretary