



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD December 18, 2008

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order by Bruce Brown, Secretary. Motion to appoint Bruce Brown President Pro-Tem by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown. Motion approved. Roll call indicated those present were Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart and John Kelly, attorney.

Chief's Report

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

Personnel

Chief announced that Lt. Tim Rick had put in his notice to retire, his last shift will be February 8, 2009. Tim had requested remaining a POP member, discussion with the attorney followed...Tim will remain as POP. Chief reminded the Board that would open a new shift position and a lieutenant position. The new promotional eligibility lists had been finalized and the Chief would fill accordingly.

Tim Kasper was introduced to the Board as the new Business Manager, he started on December 1.

Facilities

St.1 suffered a shattered tempered glass window in the Dispatch office...not covered under warranty. Replaced this week – just under \$2,000.

Antenna tower – US Cellular has provided a proposed lease agreement...Chief and John Kelly have reviewed. Chief recommends accepting the proposed lease with one exception – he would like to remove the section that caps the costs of relocating our equipment (no Countryside expense). Motion to approve the US Cellular lease agreement, with the exclusion of a Countryside expense in the relocation of equipment, by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Roll call vote – Wolowic-absent; Brown-aye; Hogan-aye.

Vehicles – The order for the new ambulance was placed on December 8 with a check for payment in full. Delivery is expected in March or April (with a rebate for early payment).

Banking – Chief advised Board that action needed to be taken to recognize and authorize Tim Kasper as the new Business Manager with rights to act for the District and be a signature on District accounts. Motion to appoint Tim Kasper as District Business Manager, with approved signature at Libertyville Bank and Trust, Associated Bank and Citigroup/Smith Barney by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Health Insurance – Annual renewal came in with a 14% increase. Chief recommended renewing with the same BCBS plan. Motion to continue the current health/dental plan for employees with Blue Cross/Blue Shield by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Chief advised that Condell has indeed become part of the Advocate Hospital Group and is back to accepting BCBS health insurance plan.

The annual Trustee training conference is being held in Oakbrook in February. Trustees to review schedule and get back with Tim/Chief to register. Chiefs and Tim to also attend some sessions.



Intergovernmental Relations – Chief advised that Mundelein has come to an agreement with the CN RR and that CFPD is supposed to be involved in the agreement...waiting for details. Chief told Village Manager that an ambulance could be requested.

Attorney's Report

John Kelly advised that the Truth in Taxation hearing had been held at 7:30 pm, no questions or disagreement to proposed levy. He had prepared Tax Levy Ordinance 08-O-03 in the amount of \$8,751,695 and presented for Board approval. Motion to adopt Ordinance 08-O-03 by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Roll call vote – Wolowic-absent; Brown-aye; Hogan-aye. Copies presented for signatures, John will forward to the County.

Resolution 08-R-02 was prepared to appoint Tim Kasper as the authorized agent of Countryside for the IMRF. Motion to adopt Resolution 08-R-02 by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Roll call vote – Wolowic-absent; Brown-aye; Hogan-aye. Business Manager to send appropriate paperwork to IMRF.

Remarks from the floor – Everyone reminded that Ginny Klein's last day with the District is 1/16/09 – there will be a lunch at the station that day...all invited.

Bills – A motion to approved bills paid in the amount of \$602,797.77 by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Ginny Klein
Recording Secretary

P.S. Thank you all for a wonderful career and chance to work with all of you. Continued good fortune to all associated with the Countryside Fire Protection District – it has been a joy. Ginny

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
DECEMBER 18, 2008

The Hearing opened at 7:15PM as had been posted/published. Those present were Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart and John Kelly, attorney.

The attorney advised that Ordinance 08-O-03 had been prepared, on file and notice published for the tax levy for 2008 in the amount of \$8,751,695. He asked for questions or comments from the audience...there were none.

Motion to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Ginny Klein
Recording Secretary