



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST.

HELD January 15, 2009

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Frank Wolowic, President. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart and Ericka Thomas, attorney. Minutes of the December 18th meeting were reviewed, motion to approve as prepared by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Reports:

President – Letter of thanks from the Mayor of Libertyville with assistance provided during the Cook apartment fire

Secretary – Letter of thanks from Vernon Hills homeowner's with assistance provided during basement flooding issue

Chief's Report - The regular monthly reports on Bureau activity, training certifications and monthly revenue were reviewed.

Personnel

Frank Wolowic performed the Oath of Office Swearing in Ceremony for Lieutenant Ronald J. Echtenacher, Jr. Frank Wolowic performed the Oath of Office Swearing in Ceremony for Firemedic Daniel P. Prezell.

Facilities

Antenna tower – The lease agreement with US Cellular was approved at the December 18, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting with one exception – he would like to remove the section that caps the costs of relocating our equipment (no Countryside expense). Negotiations with US Cellular are proceeding on the subject of the exception to the lease agreement.

Equipment

Grants – We have preliminary notification that we have been awarded a \$65,000 grant from FEMA to install a Diesel Exhaust Removal System for Station Two. We are diligently looking at the best manufacturer and design for our station

Vehicles – Due to rolling shutdowns within the US auto industry, a replacement chassis for the new ambulance was selected (all specs were satisfied). Delivery is expected in March or April, 2009 with the replacement chassis since a new chassis would have delayed delivery until September 2009.

Programs

Call Summary – The 2008 preliminary call summary report was reviewed and discussed. 3,882 calls were answered in 2008; 404 calls in the month of December alone.



Intergovernmental Relations – Chief attended meeting with the CN RR, Hawthorn Woods and Lake Zurich to discuss emergency response issues. A second meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2009. Parkway Senior Housing is in negotiations with Vernon Hills for the planning, permitting and development process for a four and six story housing facility. CFPD has requested a developer donation if the project is permitted.

Attorney's Report – Ericka Thomas advised that more tax objections have been filed this month but there is no news to report. The IRS Letter Ruling regarding the Pension Plan was discussed and more research will be done on the matter. Ordinances and Resolutions were handled at the December 2008 meeting.

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 \$223,736.49 by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

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

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary