



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD February 19, 2009

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 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 January 15th meeting were reviewed, motion to approve as prepared by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Reports:

President – Nothing to report

Secretary – Attended the NIAFPD Conference on February 7, 2009 and completed phase two of trustee training.

Treasurer–Nothing to report

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

Personnel

Chief Steingart performed the Unit Citation Award Presentation for Deputy Chief Kazian, Lieutenant Rick, Firemedic Ogurek, Firemedic Skala, and Firemedic Stalowy for their performance during the January 6, 2009 apartment building fire in Libertyville, IL.

Facilities

Fire Stations – Issues with settling asphalt and concrete have been noted. If needed, repairs will be budgeted for and made when the weather permits.

Antenna tower – Final documents are being drawn by US Cellular for equipment and use of the tower. US Cellular needs to seek approval from the Village of Mundelein for this project.

Equipment

Grants – We have been awarded a \$65,000 grant from FEMA to install a Diesel Exhaust Removal System for Station Two. Magnagrip has been selected to install the system within terms of the FEMA grant. Motion to approve Magnagrip as vendor for the grant was made by Frank Wolowic and seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Vehicles – Delivery of the new ambulance is expected in April, 2009.

Programs

2009-10 Budget – Planning for this budget is underway.

2008 Audit Approval – Frank Costabile highlighted the following sections of the audit report: Fund balances, Notes, IMRF, Pension Funding, and the Budget to Actual results section. Motion to approve the audit was made by Frank Wolowic and seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.



Other Information – A joint meeting was held with the Mundelein Fire Department regarding automatic response agreements. A joint meeting was held with the Lake Zurich and Long Grove regarding automatic response agreements. Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Grant, Deputy Chief Kazian and Business Manager Kasper attended the NIAFPD Conference on February 6, 2009.

Correspondence – Letters of appreciation for services provided were received from the Newport Township Fire Protection District and the Village of Hawthorn Woods.

Intergovernmental Relations – Chief attended meeting with the Canadian National Railroad, Hawthorn Woods and Lake Zurich to discuss emergency response issues. Negotiations are in progress with additional meetings planned.

News Articles – An article from the Lake County News-Sun was discussed. The cost per call calculation appeared to be made from the published budget divided by the number of calls for the calendar years listed. Many factors enter into this calculation but may not have been included in this article.

Attorney's Report – Ericka Thomas reported that there are no new developments regarding tax objections.

Remarks from the floor – Charity hockey event at the Allstate Arena on March 21, 2009. The puck drops for the Fire vs. Police game at 3 PM.

Bills – A motion to approved bills paid in the amount of \$287,686.29 (check numbers 4816 to 4933) by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary