



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD September 17, 2009

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:50 PM by Frank Wolowic, President. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart and John Kelly, attorney. Minutes of the August 20th meeting were reviewed, motion to approve, by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Reports:

President – Daily Herald profiling Chief Steingart

Secretary – Daily Herald profiling Chief Steingart and Kayla Radtke article in the Pioneer Press

Treasurer – No report

Election of Officers- N/A

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

Personnel – Telecommunicator Bob Abrahams has resigned from the district and taken a position with RED Center. He will fill in part time for us and remain a POC firefighter.

Training Division Chief Ken Arnsward has announced his retirement effective June 1, 2010 after achieving 35 years of service (30 years full time). Ken Arnsward was on shift when Station Two was commissioned. The formal transition will start on January 1, 2010 with the appointment of a new training officer to work with Ken Arnsward. The transition period is intended to infuse three decades of experience to his successor and the sworn staff of CFPD while allowing the process to have a beginning, middle and an appropriate conclusion. Chief Arnsward will be missed but the CFPD wishes him well as he embarks on a new chapter of his life.

Facilities

Fire Stations:

US Cellular is on the docket for the Mundelein Board meeting on September 21 at 7:00 PM for final approval. Construction should begin shortly thereafter.

We received our first payment from Unison for \$158,906.67. Resolution 2009-R-03 was signed and executed on August 28, 2009.

Sprint / Clearwire: They are working with Mundelein for permits.

Equipment

Grants

Grants Pending –

'08 Fire Prevention & Safety – High School Grad / College Fire Safety was denied on 9/14/2009



'09 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Communications Equipment
'09 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants – Sta. #1 Exhaust System
'09 Fire Prevention & Safety – we will be applying for this grant.

Vehicles – Proposals for the tanker and interface engine were received by all of the vendors that attended the pre-bid. Staff reviewed them for compliance and price. After detailed review, we are recommending the following:

Tanker: US Tanker, Burlington, WI; not to exceed \$250,000. Motion made by Frank Wolowic to approve a contract with US Tanker not to exceed \$250,000, second by Bruce Brown and approved. Roll call vote – Brown-aye, Wolowic-aye and Hogan-aye.

Interface Engine: Rosenbauer, South Dakota; not to exceed \$300,000.
Motion made by Bryan Hogan to approve a contract with Rosenbauer Central States Division not to exceed \$300,000, second by Frank Wolowic and approved. Roll call vote – Brown-aye, Wolowic-aye and Hogan-aye.

We met with Excellance ambulance to rechassis an ambulance and are awaiting a proposal. Motion made by Frank Wolowic to authorize the Chief to enter a contract with Excellance not to exceed \$130,000 or to enter a contract with Horton Emergency Vehicles to secure a chassis not to exceed \$50,000, second by Bruce Brown and approved. Roll call vote – Brown-aye, Wolowic-aye and Hogan-aye.

The new Ford pool vehicles are expected to be delivered in early October.

Programs –

We have been meeting with two fire agencies that are interested our dispatch services.

Please join us for the Pink Ribbon Tour to support breast cancer on September 24 from 11 – 2 at Hawthorn Mall. We are requesting the Board approve resolution #2009-R-04 to wear pink t-shirts in support of the Cancer Awareness & Relief Effort.

Other Information –

Carol Sente has been appointed to take Kathy Ryg's vacancy as State Representative.
Condell will officially become a level 1 trauma center on October 1st. The Chiefs attended the open house/ribbon cutting on September 16.
Staff has been working on contingency plans for the H1N1 flu related to response and staffing.
D/C Kazian attended the METRO Chiefs legislative day in Carol Stream.
D/C Grant and B/C Reynolds attended a H1N1 planning meeting with the Village of Long Grove.
The Chief attended a senior official's command training session with the Village of Libertyville.

Correspondence – No Report

Intergovernmental Relations –

Vernon Hills – No Report

Lake County – No Report

Hawthorn Woods – After the spring elections and a change in the leadership and administration of the village, Hawthorn Woods negotiated a settlement with the Canadian National Railway without the CFPD being invited back to the negotiating table. The CFPD was party to a proposed settlement with the CN before the April 2009 elections.

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – The Village has adopted the 2009 International building and fire codes.

Articles-

9/2/2009 – Daily Herald: Meet Countryside Fire Chief Jeff Steingart

9/10/2009 – Vernon HillsHHills Review: Family celebrates happy ending to emergency.

Attorney's Report – John Kelly reported that there are no new developments regarding tax objections or legislative updates. New ethics and training is in place with 8 hours of ethics and 8 hours of other training
FOIA – has been rewritten with a shorter time frame to respond. The Attorney General will be regulating FOIA & the Open Meeting Act. A FOIA Officer will need to be place by January 1, 2010.

Motion made by Frank Wolowic to ratify Unison Contract (09-R-03), second by Bruce Brown and approved. Roll call vote – Brown-aye, Wolowic-aye and Hogan-aye.

Motion made by Frank Wolowic to approve to all staff to wear pink t-shirts on October 25, 26, and 27 in support of the Cancer Awareness & Relief Effort-CARE (09-R-04), second by Bruce Brown and approved.

Old Business-None

New Business-None

Remarks from the Floor-

Chief Kazian announced the following: "Supporting breast cancer awareness, Countryside is proud to welcome back the pink fire trucks for the Pink Heals Tour 2009. The Tour will be coming to Vernon Hills on Thursday, September 24 from 11 AM to 2 PM in the Macy's outlot at Westfield Shopping Town Hawthorn. The event will feature education booths, pink T-shirts for sale, a cook out, and of course, the pink fire truck. Funds raised from the event will go to the YWCA of Lake County's Encore Plus program which assists with funding for mammogram screening."

Chief Kazian's second announcement follows: "The Countryside Fire Protection District will host their annual Open House on Sunday, October 4, 2009. Countryside firefighters have been hosting a pancake breakfast for over 20 years and will be making this year extra special. The breakfast will run from 8 AM to Noon. Ticket sales benefit fire safety programs in the district and disaster relief to area residents. The cost is \$5 for a single breakfast or \$15 for a your entire family of three or more. The all-you-can-eat menu will include hot griddle pancakes, smoked sausage links, maple syrup, a variety of fruit, juice, milk, and donuts."

Bills – A motion to approved bills paid in the amount of \$296,551.84 (check numbers 5565-5652) by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary