



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD April 15, 2010

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by Bruce Brown, President Pro-Tem. Motion made by Bryan Hogan to appoint Bruce Brown as President Pro-Tem for the April 15, 2010 Board Meeting, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved. Roll call indicated those present: Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart and John Kelly, attorney. Absent – Frank Wolowic. Minutes of the March 18th meeting were reviewed, motion to approve, by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Reports:

President – Attention to the needs of customer base as illustrated in the dog rescue and station tour thank you letters. The CFPD Annual Report recaps the results and services in an informative manner.

Secretary – No report

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

Congratulations to D/C Kazian for receiving his Chief Fire Officer designation. Career testing – schedule enclosed in the packet. Division Chief Arnswald's last day will be April 30, 2010.

Facilities

Sprint/Clearwire work has completed on the tower. We are waiting to close with Unison.

Equipment

Grants Pending

'09 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Communications Equipment. **Preliminary indication is that we will be awarded this grant. Total Grant \$ 234,196 (Federal share \$210,777; CFPD share \$ 23,419) Staff will be working on developing a request for proposals for this grant.**

'09 Fire Prevention & Safety – we applied for residential sprinkler inspection campaign. **(DENIED)**

'10 IL OSFM Small Equipment Grant for SCBA bottles. **(DENIED)**

'09 Fire Station Construction Grant (Station #1 diesel exhaust system). **(DENIED)**

Vehicles

The new ambulance is ordered and on track to be delivered by June, 2010.

The developer donation for the new senior apartment complex in Vernon Hills is DELAYED and now expected in August or September.



The new tanker is due to be delivered in June.

The interface engine is now on track for a late summer delivery after working through some issues with Navistar.

Programs

Budget

Staff is in the process of working on the 2010-11 budget. All department budgets have been submitted and are being reviewed. We have received our EAV and tax extension information from Lake County for tax year 2009 (2010-11 budget year). Several charts and graphs with a historical perspective on EAV and tax extensions in the packet.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) Review

Staff is meeting with water and dispatch agencies to gather data for the ISO review. Our ISO site survey will be held the week of September 27, 2010.

Annual Report

The 2009 annual report has been completed and is enclosed in the packet and posted on the website.

Other Information

The Chief attended a leadership summit hosted by Congresswoman Bean at the Mundelein Police station. We held our annual part-time/paid-on-premise (POP) meeting on April 11.

Correspondence

04/02/2010: Thank you letter from Mrs. Connie Lester for dog rescue.

04/07/2010: Thank you letter from Mundelein Public Works.

04/07/2010: Thank you and praise e-mail for station tour.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – The Chief attended the Village Board meeting on 4/6 where the police chief discussed the joint dispatching in the open meeting. It was received positively by the Village Board. Staff is working with VHPD to evaluate costs, draft an intergovernmental agreement, develop policies and coordinate integrating equipment.

Lake County – Trustee Hogan is on the 4/13 County Board agenda for reappointment. The Chief is meeting with County Board members Diana O’Kelly and Aaron Lawlor on Thursday 4/15.

Hawthorn Woods – No Report

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – No Report

Libertyville – Discussions continue on dispatch services with Libertyville Fire.

Articles

4/8/2010 – Daily Herald: Vernon Hills eyes combined dispatch

4/8/2010 – Mundelein Review: Layoffs, service cuts likely as village mulls cuts

4/12/2010 – Daily Herald: More layoffs “inevitable” in Mundelein

Attorney's Report – John Kelly reported that a record \$400 million in tax objections were granted by the Lake County Assessor. There currently is a bill in the Illinois General Assembly that would allow the assessor's to use short sales and foreclosures in their calculations for assessments.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Remarks from the Floor - Spaghetti dinner at Station #2 on April 16, 2010.

Bills

A motion to approved bills paid in the amount of \$240,458.46 (check numbers 6274-6390) by Bryan Hogan, seconded by Bruce Brown and approved.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary