



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chuck Smith, Chief

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT October 21, 2021

A meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Countryside Fire Protection District located at 600 N. Deerpath Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Bruce Brown, Mike Davenport and Joe Kiriazes

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Heinz, Deputy Chief Echtenacher, John Kelly, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The board reviewed the September 30, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Kiriazes and seconded by Trustee Davenport to approve the September 30, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESIDENT REPORT

SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURER REPORT

CHIEF REPORT:

Department reports

COVID-19 Response update

Incident and Response report

Bureau report

Construction update

Finance report

The Board reviewed the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements along with the Accounts Payable detail.

Personnel

- Six conditional offers of employment extended for career positions
- Injury updates: 4 career injuries, 4 OJI (2 FPB and 2 Shift)



- Eligibility list update: Advertisement for career testing out on 10/19/2021, testing date for December 11th
- POP Update: One POP on leave of absence for medical reasons, down to 15 POPs
- Vaccine mandate update: 1 POP and 4 full time Firemedics remain unvaccinated to date

Monthly Training Report & Certifications: Deputy Chief Echtenacher has provided a list of the month's certifications and recognitions for the membership.

Facilities

Fire Stations

- HVAC work to begin as soon as materials are available
- Roof bid on hold until we have a better timeline on HVAC based on material availability

Grants

- OSFM Small Equipment Grant submitted for portable radios

Apparatus

- Update on VHPW – relationship is working very well with Vernon Hills Public Works maintenance
- Engine 19 is getting picked up tomorrow for repairs, hopefully returned early 2022

Programs

- Corkill Insurance renewal proposal – Selective/Travelers/IPRF/Provident Insurance policies– approximately a 28% increase, almost all in Worker's Compensation. Large majority of that is the conversion of contract to career (expected), but some lies with increased injury experience. We anticipate a larger increase next year.

Other Information

- None

Correspondence/Communications/Exhibits

- None

Intergovernmental relations

Vernon Hills – Working with the Village to determine the impact of proposed assisted living facility at the Hawthorn TIF district

Lake County – Indian Creek – proposed church at 7 Crestland Road, Indian Creek

Hawthorn Woods – No update

Mundelein – No update

Long Grove – Long Grove FPD purchased 2009 GMC ambulance for \$25,000, new Fire Chief selected

Libertyville – No report

Other Agencies (ARA's) – no report

Retirements and Service Recognitions

- None

Articles/Newspaper Clippings

Daily Herald 10/12/21 – Glenview man struck by hit-and-run driver Saturday dies

Daily Herald 10/15/21 – Vernon Hills students take on fire challenge

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: John Kelly of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. reported on and discussed the following items: nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport to approve to renew PC&L and Worker’s Compensation insurance policies as presented by Dan Barnett of Corkill Insurance Agency.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Lindsey Shifley of Mundelein made comments asking the Board to grant an exception to allow for personal choice in regards to the district’s COVID vaccination policy.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: The bills were presented to the board. A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to ratify bills paid in the amount of \$177,750.48. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport to discuss policy appeals in Executive Session at 8:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:25 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice call vote.

Motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport for the Board finding that the religious exemption request of Brixton Rill is not supported by evidence of a sincerely held religious belief, the request for exemption is denied.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes for the Board finding that the religious exemption request of Dan Prezell is not supported by evidence of a sincerely held religious belief, the request for exemption is denied.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Brown seconded by Trustee Davenport to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice call vote.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Clausen, Finance Director, Countryside Fire Protection District