



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD September 15, 2016

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Frank Wolowic. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Heinz and John Kelly, Attorney. Minutes of the August 18, 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – Enjoyed educational presentation to real estate agents with FEMA grant-funded program about home fire sprinklers

Secretary – Congratulations on the 2015 Life Safety Achievement Award

Treasurer – No report

Election of Officers

None

Chief's Report

The regular monthly reports on Bureau activity, training certifications, response data and monthly financial activity were reviewed.

Personnel

Staff has started the recruiting process for the next POP group.

The District will start planning and setting dates for career firefighter testing after Labor Day. The Commissioners will be meeting this month.

Recognition / Certifications: Div. Chief Echtenacher has provided a list of the month's certifications and recognitions for the membership.

Facilities

The District has been contacted by Verizon to erect another antenna tower on the station #1 property. The proposed location is the northeast corner of the lot. We are waiting to hear from Verizon on the proposed terms.



Grants

Staff will be working on applying for a 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Staff has submitted the application for a 2015 FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant for new LED display signs at each station.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant for energy saving light fixtures and bulbs at both fire stations has been approved. Work will start at the end of September.

Apparatus & Equipment

The new ambulance has been ordered with delivery anticipated for the 1st quarter 2017.

The 2003 Pierce Engine has major frame rail corrosion and as a result is out of service. Staff continues to work with Pierce regarding repairs under warranty.

Programs

Dispatch

Vernon Hills PD and other agencies that are provided dispatch services are working to create a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board (JETSBS). A draft resolution and Intergovernmental agreement are being reviewed for adoption at the October meeting. This is part of the state mandated dispatch consolidation process.

Metro Revenue Sharing/ Ambulance Billing Contracts

Staff has been working on the revenue sharing model; combining the contract personnel, ambulance billing and ambulances and equipment, with Metro & Paramedic Billing Services (PBS). Representatives from Metro/PBS will be at the meeting to present an overview of the model. The draft agreements are included in the packet for your conceptual review. Legal is still reviewing. If the Board is in agreement with the concept, the final version should be on the docket for the October meeting with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

The Board has directed the Chief to provide our current ambulance billing vendor the 90 day notification with our intent to terminate that contract.

Countryside & Mundelein ARA Ambulance Billing

A draft resolution has been drafted to bill each other's patients at the resident rates and reconcile the revenue differences annually; for consideration at the October meeting.

Other Information

Open House / Pancake Breakfast - station #2 on October 9, 2016 from 8am – noon.

The Annual CFPD Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 15, 2016 at 6pm at the Hawthorn Woods Country Club. Invitations will be in the mail soon.

CFPD received the 2015 Life Safety Achievement Award for zero fire deaths and outstanding fire prevention and education efforts.

Correspondence

9/11/2016: Many notes and treat were delivered to the fire stations in remembrance of 9/11 and the thanking us for our service to the community.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – Melody Farm - Rt. 21 & 60 TIF / Cuneo Pulte homes / Menards
Lake County – No Report
Hawthorn Woods – No Report
Mundelein – No Report
Long Grove – No Report
Libertyville – No Report
Other – No Report

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

9/8/16: Mundelein Review – CFPD Educates Area Real Estate Agents with FEMA Grant-Funded Program about Home Fire Sprinklers.

Attorney's Report

John Kelly of Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd. reported on and discussed the following items:

The Illinois General Assembly is out of session. No updates on tax objections.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$192,395.83 (check numbers 16763 - 16834) by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye, Wolowic-Aye and Hogan-Aye.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary