



# COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD October 20, 2016

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Frank Wolowic. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Smith and Ericka Thomas, Attorney. Absent – Bryan Hogan and Deputy Chief Heinz. Minutes of the September 15, 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Frank Wolowic. Motion carried.

### Reports:

President – Enjoyed the Open House and Appreciation Dinner

Secretary – Enjoyed the Open House and Appreciation Dinner

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 and Commissioners are working through the testing process for the next POP group. The Commissioners will be meeting this month to conduct interviews.

Dates are set and applications are due October 21 for career firefighter testing.

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 be completed by the end of October.

## 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

### 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). A representative from Metro/PBS will be at the meeting to answer any questions. The final draft agreements are included in the packet for your consideration which is cost effective for the District.

A motion to authorize the Chief to sign the contracts with Metro Paramedic Services with an effective date of January 1, 2017 was made by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

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

A motion to authorize the Chief to sign the contracts with Paramedic Billing Services with an effective date of January 1, 2017 was made by Bruce Brown, second by Frank Wolowic. Motion carried.

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

### Countryside & Mundelein ARA Ambulance Billing

A motion to approve Resolution #16-R-06 for the CFPD and MFD to bill each other's patients at the resident rates and reconcile the revenue differences annually was made by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

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

## Health Insurance Renewal

BCBS originally quoted a 5.15% increase. Cigna and Aetna both offered a significantly lower rate subject to medical underwriting (-27.60% and -35.50% respectively). Staff went through the exercise of getting a medical history of all of our insured to provide a more accurate quote from Cigna and Aetna. Ultimately, Aetna declined to provide an updated quote and Cigna came in at a 0.1% increase. When we countered the offer to BCBS, they lowered the increase to 3.11% for an October 2016-October 2017 renewal. An additional 1% increase was negotiated to lock the rate through December 2017 so that we can get back on a January renewal cycle. We now have a 12 month + 3 month renewal running concurrently without a rate increase.

Vision and Dental will be considered at the December meeting for January renewal.

## Other Information

Open House / Pancake Breakfast – was a huge success. Thanks to all that attended.

Thanks to all those that put together a great Annual CFPD Appreciation Dinner. Firemedic Jonathan Corral was bestowed the CFPD Employee of the Year.

The Chief attended the IL Fire Chiefs Conference and MABAS Executive Board meeting in Peoria earlier this month.

The Chief submitted draft legislative language to the IL Fire Chiefs and Districts representatives for consideration by the IL Fire Services Association at the Legislative Summit with the Fire Caucus for property tax freeze language that excludes public safety and including some funding source for Fire Districts in the TIF Act.

Chiefs attended several meeting regarding the Melody Farm Development in Vernon Hills.

## Correspondence

None

## Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – Melody Farm - Rt. 21 & 60 TIF / Cuneo Pulte homes / Menards / Psych Hospital

Lake County – No Report

Hawthorn Woods – No Report

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – No Report

Libertyville – No Report

Other – No Report

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

10/8/2016: Daily Herald - Trucks, Trunks and Treats in Vernon Hills

10/9/16: Lake County News-Sun - Vehicles a hit at Trucks, Trunks and Treats event

Attorney's Report

Ericka Thomas 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 \$260,885.29 (check numbers 16835 - 16959) by Bruce Brown, second by Frank Wolowic. Motion carried.

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

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Tim Kasper  
Recording Secretary