



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD August 21, 2014

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:32 PM by Frank Wolowic, President. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Grant, Deputy Chief Smith and John Kelly, attorney. Absent – None. Minutes of the July 17th board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – Positive comments on storytelling at the Fire Station

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 is working on the career hiring process to establish an eligibility list. Applications are being accepted online until October 6, 2014.

Promotional testing begins in September. There are 5 Lieutenants taking the Battalion Chief test and 10 Firemedics are taking the Lieutenants test.

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

Facilities

Fire Stations – The drain tile at the station #3 property has been repaired.

Countryside Honor Garden (brick paver recognition area at station #2): The permit has been issued. Installation should start shortly and dedication is tentatively scheduled for September 21, 2014.



Equipment

Grants - 2014 FEMA AFG grant applications; waiting for application period to open.

The Rosenbauer Metz ladder tower #412 sustained main ladder damage during training. It is scheduled to go to the factory in Minnesota in September for repair. An insurance claim has been submitted.

Programs

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement Addendum - Adoption of CFPD Ordinance #14-O-06 addresses an addendum needed to the master MABAS-IL agreement that addresses reimbursement policy that aligns with FEMA for mutual aid provided during disasters.

Other Information

D/C Grant attended the International Fire Chiefs Conference in Dallas during August 13-15.

Firehouse Subs is opening a shop in the Market Place on Milwaukee Ave, in Vernon Hills (near Sam's Club). CFPD donated some surplus gear and equipment to display at the store.

Chiefs Steingart and Fleischhauer (VHPD) have been challenged to do the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and will do it Friday August 22 at station #2 then post it on the CFPD Facebook page.

CFPD was awarded the 2013 Life Safety Achievement Award (one of two recipients in Lake County, IL and one of 143 in the Nation) by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation (NASFM Foundation) and Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. The award recognizes CFPD for our fire prevention accomplishments in 2013. To qualify for the award, fire departments recorded zero fire deaths in residential structures or a 10 percent reduction of fire deaths from the prior year. In addition, award recipients documented active and effective fire prevention programs and a commitment to reducing the number of house fires in the community.

Correspondence

Thank you card from family for response to townhouse fire in Vernon Hills.

Thank you card from Vernon Hills family for fire truck stopping at kids lemonade stand.

Thank you card from Vernon Hills family for response to ambulance call for child.

7/12/14-Letter from IPRF recognizing CFPD as an outstanding member due to our impressive safety culture.

7/16/14-Thank you letter from Village of Vernon Hills for assisting with 4th of July festivities.

7/24/14-Thank you letter from Village of Carpentersville for response to drowning on the Fox River (Sonar Team).

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – No Report
Lake County – No Report
Hawthorn Woods – No Report
Mundelein – No Report
Long Grove – No Report
Libertyville – No Report
Lincolnshire-Riverwoods – No Report
Grayslake – No Report
Other – Staff is working with Knollwood FD on for dispatch services transition. The cut over is August 28 at 8:00 am.

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

7/21/14 Daily Herald – Fire leaves two Vernon Hills townhouses uninhabitable.
7/24/14 Vernon Hills Review – Two families displaced in Vernon Hills fire.
8/2/14 Daily Herald – Two hurt in boating accident on Diamond Lake in Mundelein.
8/11/14 Daily Herald – Cook Memorial Library storytelling at the firehouse.

Attorney's Report

John Kelly of Ottosen Britz reported on and discussed the following items:

No new tax complaints have been filed. The tax objections are pending with the Lake County judicial system.

Bids will be required on all items purchased exceeding \$20,000 starting in January, 2015.

Motion to adopt CFPD Ordinance #14-O-06 to authorize an addendum to the MABAS agreement that addresses reimbursement policy that aligns with FEMA for mutual aid provided during disasters was made by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown and approved.

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Bills

A motion to approved bills paid in the amount of \$321,005.33 (check numbers 14093 - 14210) by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown and approved.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary