



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD September 17, 2015

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Frank Wolowic. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bryan Hogan, Bruce Brown, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Smith, and Sean Flaherty, Attorney. Absent – Deputy Chief Grant. Minutes of the August 20, 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – Appreciates the vehicle decals “Smoke detectors saves lives, test yours every month.”

Secretary – Walkout ceremony for Fire Marshall McNally was outstanding

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

The vacant inspector position in the Fire Prevention will be filled January 1, 2016

New part-time firefighters graduated from the NIPSTA Fire Academy on 9/11/15.

Staff is working on adding a few more part-time personnel to the ranks that are already trained firefighters.

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

Facilities

No report



Grants

Grants – 2014 FEMA AFG grant application pending: submitted for cardiac monitor defibrillators and fire training props. Awaiting notification.

The Rust-Oleum Foundation donated \$5000 towards a new inflatable tent.

Apparatus & Equipment

Staff has decided to put the ambulance replacement on hold in light of the potential for a property tax freeze.

PROGRAMS

Waiting on a revised ARA #15-I-05 from Buffalo Grove for the Herons Landing Subdivision in Long Grove.

Other Information

CFPD received the 2014 Life Safety Achievement Award for zero fire deaths and outstanding fire prevention and education efforts. Five awards were issued for the state of Illinois.

Personnel attended several 9/11 ceremonies and had visitors to the station thanking us for our service. Staff is attending several school crisis plan meetings in the District.

CFPD personnel are working at the BMW Championship in Lake Forest in the command post and emergency medical services.

Reminder – Open House / Breakfast is October 4 from 8am – Noon

CFPD Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner – October 17 – Please RSVP

Correspondence

09/03/2015 – Thank you letter from Libertyville FD for sonar team response to search for missing person.

09/11/2015 – Thank you cards, flowers and treats thanking us for our service to the community.

09/12/2015 – Thank you e-mail for making a little boys day.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – Octoberfest on September 26 at the METRA train station on Rt. 45

Lake County – No Report

Hawthorn Woods – No Report

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – No report

Libertyville – No Report

Other – No Report

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

09/02/2015: Daily Herald – Decals say smoke alarms save lives

Attorney's Report

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

No news to report on the 2011 Tax Objection.

The Illinois Senate has passed a property tax freeze bill and has sent it to Illinois House for discussion. The freeze would be in place for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 and contains a public safety exemption as currently interpreted. No action has been taken on this bill.

The annexation by Mundelein of four contiguous parcels appears to be in order and the process will be monitored.

Old Business – No agreement has been reached with the farmer growing alfalfa on our station site.

New Business – None

Remarks from the floor – None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$230,196.11 (check numbers 15524-15609) by Bruce Brown, second by Frank Wolowic.

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 7:55 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary