



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD October 15, 2015

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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, Bryan Hogan, Bruce Brown, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Grant, Deputy Chief Smith, and John Kelly, Attorney. Absent – None. Minutes of the September 17, 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – Great job on the Open House and Pancake Breakfast

Secretary – Great job on the Open House and Pancake Breakfast; Attended NIAFPD Fall Meeting

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

The CFPD "Employee of the Year" has been selected and will be presented at the appreciation dinner.

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.

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

Chief Steingart met with the Mundelein Public Safety Director on October 14 to discuss operations.

CFPD Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner is October 17.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield employee health insurance was renewed early to avoid increased costs associated with the Affordable Care Act.

Staff is working on revised proposals for workers compensation and property & casualty insurance.

Correspondence

09/17/2015 – Congratulations letter from Senator Link for receiving Life Safety Award.

09/22/2015 – Thank you letter from VHPD for assisting at National Night Out.

09/23/2015 – Thank you letter from the Fox Lake FD for response and assistance during police shooting.

09/30/2015 – Thank you letter from the Lake Forest FD for assistance during BMW Golf Championship.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – No Report

Lake County – No Report

Hawthorn Woods – No Report

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – No report

Libertyville – No Report

Other – No Report

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

10/01/2015: Daily Herald – Countryside Fire Open House & Pancake Breakfast

10/03/2015: Daily Herald – Five injured when car crashes into Grayslake area church

Attorney's Report

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

Extending settlement offer with objectors attorney for 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.

HB4305 to release 9-1-1 funds has support from the Democrats but none from the Republicans. A lawsuit is pending in St. Clair County for immediate release and may lead to similar lawsuits.

Tax levy to be filed at the November or December board meeting subject to the black box provision.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Remarks from the floor – None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$227,664.21 (check numbers 15610-15696) by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan.

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

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, second by Byran Hogan. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary