



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

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

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 John Kelly, Attorney. Absent – Deputy Chief Grant. Minutes of the November 19, 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – The Firefighter's food drive represents the community

Treasurer – No report

Election of Officers

None

Chief's Report

The Chief introduced Mr. Greg Piasecki from the accounting firm of Costabile & Steffens P.C. Mr. Costabile gave an overview of the 2014-2015 District audit. Mr. Piasecki stated that the District's finances are in good shape with the two largest funds having surpluses for the period which shows good fiscal responsibility. Mr. Piasecki also complimented staff for timely submission of any requested documents. Motion made by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown to accept the 2014-2015 audit as presented.

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

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

Reviewed call volume to date and stated that we should have another record year for number of calls.

Personnel

Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to accept the addendum to Chief Steingart's contract. Motion carried.

Staff and the Commissioners are working on hiring a career firemedic from the current eligibility.

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



Facilities

No report

Equipment

Grants – Staff is preparing to submit for a 2015 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant.

Apparatus & Equipment - Ambulance replacement will be reevaluated after the new year.

Programs

Chief Steingart presented the proposed 2016 Board meeting dates. Motion by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown to adopt the 2016 meeting dates as presented. Motion carried.

Other Information

Chief Steingart has taken on the position as President MABAS Division 4.

Staff met with workers compensation carriers on revised proposals and selected Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for 2016.

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International accepted CFPD's 2015 Annual Compliance Report.

Correspondence

11/29/2015: Thank you letter from Lake Forest FD for response to structure fire.

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

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Daily Herald: 11/25/15 – Firefighters Food Shop for Families

Attorney's Report

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

Nothing new on tax objections.

The Illinois General Assembly is currently out of session.

Presented Ordinance # 15-O-07: Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for CFPD for 2015 for adoption by the Board. Chief Steingart noted that the increase is less than 5% so we do not have to post a Truth in Taxation notice. Motion by Bryan Hogan, second by Frank Wolowic.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye, Wolowic-Aye and Hogan-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$415,820.21 (check numbers 15830 - 15916) by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary