



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD February 21, 2019

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:31 PM by Trustee Bruce Brown. Roll call indicated those present: Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Heinz and John Kelly, Attorney. Absent – Frank Wolowic Motion made to appoint Trustee Brown as President Pro Tempore by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Brown. Motion carried. Minutes of the January 17, 2019 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – No report

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

Career testing-final eligibility is being compiled for the Commissioners to approve.

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

Facilities

The water heater system at station #1 had to be replaced unexpectedly.



Grants

The 2018 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant application is open. We have applied for radios and is pending.

Apparatus & Equipment

The new Pierce engine is under construction with an expected delivery date of March, 2019. Staff visited Pierce on February 19th for an in-process inspection.

The old Pierce engines and Ford Ranger are out on the market.

Programs

No report

Mundelein Automatic Response Intergovernmental Agreement

We are in discussions with Mundelein FD regarding updating and renewing the Automatic Response Intergovernmental Agreement.

Fire Alarm Monitoring System RFP

The District received and reviewed three Proposals from fire alarm monitoring vendors. Staff met with two vendors for clarification on some items. The District chose and notified FSS as the selected vendor in the best interest of District.

ADT (Johnson Controls) was notified to terminate the existing agreement. They replied by stating they are protesting the bid. Staff is also working through some issues with the termination language / exit clause in the existing ADT agreement with the attorney.

Budget FY 2019-2020

Budget preparation and planning is underway.

Other Information

Staff attended an operations and policy committee meetings regarding dispatch consolidation in Lake County. The consultants work has started.

Staff met with VH officials regarding dispatch budget / planning.

Staff is putting together the CFPD 2018 annual report.

The Chiefs are meeting with the new County Board Reps for our area on 2/27.

The Illinois Department of Labor was here for a safety inspection in January, 2019.

Correspondence

None

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – Hawthorn Mall

Lake County – Roadster Shop in Ivanhoe is planning a large addition.

Hawthorn Woods – High Pointe Estates Subdivision at RT 176

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – No Report

Other Agencies (ARA's) – No Report

Articles / Newspaper Clippings

1/20/2019: Daily Herald-Fire leaves Vernon Hills Apartment uninhabitable; no injuries reported.

1/21/2019: Pioneer Press-No injuries, one unit uninhabitable after Vernon Hills apartment fire.

2/4/2019: Daily Herald-Libertyville, Countryside fire departments collaborative in cold.

Attorney's Report

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

No new developments on the lawsuit filed against The Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District and responding departments for a fatal fire that occurred on August 4, 2017.

The General Assembly is generating a new legislative agenda.

Multiple property tax bills are in committee regarding tax freezes.

Minimum wage law was signed. \$15 per hour will be the minimum wage in 2025.

Multiple bills on pension reform to combine Article Three and Article Four pensions in various combinations for cost savings.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$482,550.83 (check numbers 19574 - 19672) was made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

Executive Session

Motion to discuss personnel matters in Executive Session was made by Bruce Brown and seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved at 8:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by Bruce Brown and seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved at 8:13 PM.

A motion to appoint Deputy Chief Chuck Smith as Acting Fire Chief effective April 1, 2019 and to authorize the filling of the Deputy Chief rank and subsequent ranks to maintain operations of the Fire District was made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

A motion to approve the Fire Chief Jeff Steingart's retirement separation agreement was made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary