



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chuck Smith, Chief

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 20, 2022

A meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Countryside Fire Protection District located at 600 N. Deerpath Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Brown called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Bruce Brown, Mike Davenport and Joe Kiriazes

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Heinz, Deputy Chief Echtenacher, Erika Thomas, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The board reviewed the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Kiriazes and seconded by Trustee Davenport to approve the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESIDENT REPORT

SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURER REPORT

CHIEF REPORT:

Department reports

COVID-19 Response update – several members with breakthrough cases over past 30 days with mild symptoms; recommending and incentivizing staff to get booster vaccine when eligible

Incident and Response report

Bureau report

Construction update

Finance report

The Board reviewed the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements along with the Accounts Payable detail.

Personnel

- Probationary member Brixton Rill not in compliance with COVID vaccine policy and will be dismissed

PROUDLY SERVING

Vernon Hills, Hawthorn Woods, Long Grove, Kildeer, Indian Creek and Unincorporated areas of Lake County
SINCE 1959



- Injured reserve: 3 career injuries, 2 FPB who are working light duty
- 4 career Firemedics currently in NIPSTA fire academy
- Training officer position – fill June 2022
- Organizational chart update
- Approval to hire two additional career Firemedics (Rill and backfill for training officer)

Monthly Training Report & Certifications: Deputy Chief Echtenacher has provided a list of the month's certifications and recognitions for the membership.

Facilities

Fire Stations

- HVAC update
- Appraisal for Christ Lutheran land came back at \$60,000. Awaiting word from Christ Lutheran on if we will be proceeding

Grants

- AFG grant submitted for radios
- Finishing demos of SCBA models and finalizing previous AFG grant award

Apparatus

- E19 is back in service, repairs complete
- Hovercraft is nearly in service – couple more trainings to complete

Programs

Other Information

- Beelow properties on Hwy 60 being annexed into Village of Mundelein
- Exhaust fan fire on Coventry Lane – PSA's again on cleaning exhaust fans
- Fatal vehicle vs pedestrian accident on Rt. 83 at Acorn

Correspondence/Communications/Exhibits

- 2022 Board of Trustee meeting dates/times
- Reminder to complete Statement of Economic Interest submissions

Intergovernmental relations

Vernon Hills – Continue to have discussions regarding mall development

Lake County – Leaf burning ban passed

Hawthorn Woods – No report

Mundelein – Working on finalizing the IGA to include road salting Station 1

Long Grove – No report

Libertyville – No report

Other Agencies (ARA's) – No report

Retirements and Service Recognitions

- None

Articles/Newspaper Clippings

- Daily Herald 1/11/20022 – Sheriff: Pedestrian killed after lying in road near Mundelein

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Erika Thomas of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. reported on and discussed the following items: nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to approve the 2022 Meeting Dates starting at 6:30pm.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Kiriazes and seconded by Trustee Davenport to approve the CFPD Organizational Chart effective June 1, 2022.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to approve hiring 2 career Firemedics off the current eligibility list to fill current vacancies.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: The bills were presented to the board. A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport to ratify bills paid in the amount of \$775,941.32. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Kiriazes seconded by Trustee Davenport to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice call vote.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Clausen, Finance Director, Countryside Fire Protection District