



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

February 17, 2022

A meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:30pm 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 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Bruce Brown, Mike Davenport and Joe Kiriazes

ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The board reviewed the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport to approve the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESIDENT REPORT

SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURER REPORT

CHIEF REPORT:

Department reports

COVID-19 Response update – lifting masking requirements within the station soon, awaiting guidance from IDPH on how to proceed with masking in other work-related environments.

Continue to recommend and incentivize 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

- Injured reserve: 3 career injuries (1 light duty), 2 FPB who are working light duty
- Hired new part-time inspector – Stan Olson (retired Deputy Chief from Highland Park)

PROUDLY SERVING

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

SINCE 1959



- 4 career Firemedics currently in NIPSTA fire academy
- 5 conditional offers given and accepted this week, continuing with the hiring process

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

Facilities

Fire Stations

- Christ Lutheran has declined to move forward with the proposed land sale, likely revisit in the future

Grants

- AFG Grant for radios - pending
- AFG Grant for SCBA - processing

Apparatus

- Hovercraft had minor training accident – being repaired at the manufacturer and back in a week or so
- Engine Committee working on design of new engine
- Working with Mundelein Public Works to potentially service our large vehicles

Programs

Other Information

- Met with Worker's Compensation to discuss mitigation efforts of claims
- Assisted at multiple local structure fires (Lake Zurich, Mundelein, Prospect Heights, Lincolnshire, Fox Lake, Antioch, Waukegan)
- MOU with Vernon Township to conduct feasibility study

Correspondence/Communications/Exhibits

- Reminder to complete Statement of Economic Interest submissions

Intergovernmental relations

Vernon Hills – Update on discussion of the Senior Living Facility, Chief and D/C Echtenacher attended VH Administrators Meeting

Lake County – No update

Hawthorn Woods – No report

Mundelein – Finalized 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 2/3/2022 – Vernon Hills High School students practice ice-water rescues

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 revised IGA 22-I-02 between CFPD and the Village of Mundelein for Road Salting/Water Usage/Training Tower Usage/Future Signage.

AYES: Trustees Brown, Davenport and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Davenport to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Vernon Township Energy Resiliency Commission (VTERC) and Veregy to conduct a feasibility study on our facilities to determine potential energy savings.

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 \$260,376.68. 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 Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice call vote.

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