



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 16, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for the Budget Appropriation ordinance was called to order at 6:30 PM by Bruce Brown, President. Roll call indicated those present: Trustees Bruce Brown and Joe Kiriazes, Fire Chief Chuck Smith, Deputy Chief Heinz, Deputy Chief Echtenacher and Ericka Thomas, attorney. Absent – Trustee Mike Davenport. Trustee Brown asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. There were no comments from the audience members therefore a motion was made by Bruce Brown to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Kiriazes. Motion carried by voice vote. Public hearing adjourned at 6:35 PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

A meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:35 pm 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 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Bruce Brown and Joe Kiriazes

ABSENT: Mike Davenport

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: The board reviewed the May 19, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Kiriazes and seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the May 19, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried by voice vote.

PRESIDENT REPORT

SECRETARY REPORT

TREASURER REPORT

CHIEF REPORT:

Department reports

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. An update to the 2022-23 budget was also discussed.

Personnel

- Injured reserve: 4 career injuries (2 light duty), 1 Admin Chief (light duty)
- 2 career Firemedics graduated NIPSTA Academy on 6/10/2022
- 3 career Firemedics resignations in the past two weeks seeking other opportunities
- Need to hire 4 career Firemedics which potentially may exhaust the current eligibility list

Recognition/Certifications

- Division Chief Ogurek has provided a list of the month's certifications and recognitions for the membership.

Facilities

- HVAC project completed
- Electronic sign: construction pending materials received
- Roof bid awarded to Combined Roofing - \$419,500. Contract is being executed with pending start date of 7/6/2022

Grants

- AFG Grant for radios – pending
- SCBA Grant purchase – 4 month delivery

Apparatus

- New Dodge Rams for FPB will be in service shortly

Programs

- Regional 911 consolidation project update – met with T/C's to update on progress and employment future
- Will need to work with BOT on incentive packages for T/C employees to maintain continuity of operations

Other Information

- Commissioner appointment – Jeff Aspinall

Correspondence/Communications/Exhibits

- No report

Intergovernmental relations

Vernon Hills – working on updating IGA for fleet maintenance to include facility maintenance (HVAC)

Lake County – Open burn ordinance

Hawthorn Woods – no update

Mundelein – no update

Long Grove – no update

Libertyville – Chief Carani retiring June 30th, D/C Pakosta will be Acting Chief
Other Agencies (ARA's) – no update

Retirements and Service Recognitions

- None

Articles/Newspaper Clippings

- None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Ericka Thomas of Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. provided her report: processing pension applications, have all the medical reports, working on the IMEs (Independent Medical Evaluations), three are needed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to adopt the FY 2022-23 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #22-O-04. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Davenport

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to appoint Jeffrey A. Aspinall as Fire Commissioner to fill current vacancy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Davenport

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to authorize the Fire Chief to fill 4 vacant Career Firemedic positions from the current Career Eligibility List. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Davenport

A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to authorize the Fire Chief to establish a new Career Eligibility List at the point the current Eligibility List dated 1/2022 is determined to be exhausted. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Davenport

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: The bills were presented to the board. A motion was made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Kiriazes to ratify bills paid in the amount of \$1,236,751.50. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Brown and Kiriazes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Davenport

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