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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD January 16, 2020

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:40 PM by Trustee Frank Wolowic. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Fire Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Echtenacher and John Kelly, Attorney. Absent – Deputy Chief Heinz. Minutes of the December 19, 2019 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – Attending NIAFPD Conference

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

Contract hiring update-in process of securing a replacement to fill open position

Posting of Firemedic / Inspector Position for April, 2020

Finance Director Succession plan

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

Facilities

No report



Grants

The 2019 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in in progress for SCBA.

The 2020 OSFM Small Equipment Grant was just announced. Staff is working on submission ideas. Maximum award up to \$26,000.

Apparatus & Equipment

Working with Spartan and Rosenbauer for some reimbursement on our E-12 which has been plagued with problems. It has been out of service for almost 1/3 of the year and cost approx. \$15K in repairs.

Programs

Fire Alarm Monitoring Contract

Productive meetings with FSS and Libertyville Fire.
Work begins next week on transition

Vernon Hills Consolidated Dispatch

No report

Medicaid GEMT

No report

Other Information

Staff attended multiple virtual meetings regarding the RFP process for the regional shared CAD/RMS/JMS platform

Staff continues work on VHCC dispatch consolidation

Chiefs continue to meet with Wauconda and surrounding Fire Districts on shared services. Of particular interest are future accounting services.

Chiefs attended the Vernon Hills Administrators Meeting this month

Correspondence

Buffalo Grove Double Homicide Incident – High profile case. Sonar Team assisted in possible evidence recovery. Ruled out a pond. Thank you from Chief Baker.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – No report

Lake County – Collecting Data on Open Burning – Possible County Ban

Hawthorn Woods – No Report

Mundelein – ARA meeting held with Chiefs, very positive. VM Lobaito is retiring late spring.

Long Grove – No Report

Libertyville – Met with Libertyville Chiefs on Dispatch renewal. They will be exercising their 4th year option for Dispatch Services with our Dispatch Center.

Other Agencies (ARA's) – Working on an update to Lake Zurich ARA. Also beginning preliminary discussions on the possibility of a shared ladder truck purchase in the future.

Articles / Newspaper Clippings

Daily Herald – Pedestrian Struck by Vehicle in Vernon Hills

Pioneer Press – Amicable Negotiations give Vernon Hills Dispatchers new 3 year Contract

Attorney's Report

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

The Illinois General Assembly reconvenes in late January, 2020.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to approve the 2020 board meeting dates. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown to authorize the Fire Chief to post the position for the anticipated vacancy in the Fire Prevention Bureau. Motion carried.

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

Remarks from the floor

None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$305,860.70 (check numbers 20554 – 20632) was made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

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

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Tim Kasper
Recording Secretary