



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD November 20, 2014

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by Frank Wolowic, President. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Grant, Deputy Chief Smith and Erica Thomas, attorney. Absent – None. Minutes of the October 16, 2014 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, seconded by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Reports:

President – Appreciation dinner was well done

Secretary – Also commented that the appreciation dinner was very nice, great location.

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.

Reviewed call volume to date and stated that we should have another record year for number of calls.

We have received the initial builder contribution from Pulte Homes for the Hawthorn Woods project.

Personnel

Staff continues working on the career hiring process to establish an eligibility list. Preference points are being applied and the Commission will be adopting the list at their meeting on November 24th.

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

Facilities

No report



Equipment

Grants – Staff is working on the 2014 FEMA AFG grant application. We will be submitting in the training and safety categories.

The District has been notified that we will receive a 2015 safety grant from IPRF in the amount of \$27,700.

Programs

The field work for the annual audit was completed on October 23, 2014 with the final report to be issued in November 2014. The Finance Director is requesting a motion to record for audit purposes a transfer from the general fund to the insurance fund in the amount of \$52,167. Motion by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown to transfer funds as described.

Roll Call Vote: Mr.Hogan-Aye, Mr. Brown-Aye, Mr. Wolowic-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Insurance Renewals

Chief Steingart asked D/C Grant to provide and update on insurance renewals for 2015.

The workers compensation insurance premium is up 8.5% over last year, approximately \$ 35,000. While rates remain low, payroll increased 8.7%.

Property & Liability Insurance premiums are up just over 9%, an increase of \$ 3,000 dollars.

We are still in the process of obtaining quotes for premium negotiation with Health insurance carriers. Initial rate increase for health insurance is 11% with dental up 6%. Overall District costs for health, dental and vision is now around \$ 1 million dollars.

The Chief requested the Board to authorize the Chief to renew the health, workers comp and property and liability insurance with chosen vendors. Motion by Frank Wolowic, second by Bryan Hogan.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wolowic-Aye, Mr.Hogan-Aye, Mr. Brown-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Other Information

Thanksgiving lunch on November 26th at Station 2 from 11:30 to 1:00

Correspondence

10/10/14-Letter from Salem, WI FD for mutual aid response for a sonar team response to a drowning.

11/3/2014-Letter from Waukegan FD for mutual aid response to a brush fire.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – No Report

Lake County – No Report
Hawthorn Woods – No Report
Mundelein – No Report
Long Grove – No Report
Libertyville – No Report
Lincolnshire-Riverwoods – No Report
Grayslake – No Report

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

11/10/2014: Daily Herald – Employees extinguish fire in hot food area of Mariano's.
11/13/2014: Daily Herald – Suspicious fires damage trash cans at Vernon Hills parks.
11/13/2014: Vernon Hills Review – Vernon Hills Police: Pattern of arsons in local parks needs to stop.
11/17/2014: Daily Herald – Vernon Hills woman set park fires to relieve stress, police say.

Attorney's Report

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

Nothing new on tax objections.

Presented Ordinance # 14-O-07: Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for CFPD for 2014 for adoption by the Board. Chief Steingart noted that the increase is less than 5% so we do not have to post a Truth in Taxation notice. Motion by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye, Wolowic-Aye and Hogan-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$349,264.66 (check numbers 14405 - 14568) by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan and approved.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Ron Grant
Recording Secretary