



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD December 18, 2014

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by Bruce Brown, Secretary. Roll call indicated those present: Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Grant, Deputy Chief Smith and John Kelly, attorney. Absent – Frank Wolowic. Motion by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown to appoint Bruce Brown as President Pro-Tem for this meeting. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 20, 2014 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown and approved.

Reports:

President Pro-Tem– Stated that he enjoyed the holiday luncheon.

Secretary – No report

Treasurer – No report

Election of Officers

None

Chief's Report

The Chief introduced Mr. Frank Costabile from the accounting firm of Costabile & Steffens P.C. Mr. Costabile gave an overview of the 2013-2014 District audit. Mr. Costabile stated that the District's finances are in good shape with the two largest funds having small surpluses for the period which shows good fiscal responsibility. Mr. Costabile also complimented staff for timely submission of any requested documents. Motion made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to accept the 2013-2014 audit as presented. Roll call vote, Bruce Brown-aye, Bryan Hogan-aye. Motion carried.

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.

Personnel

Chief Steingart is requesting an Executive session to discuss personnel.

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



Facilities

No report

Equipment

Grants – The 2014 FEMA AFG grant application has been submitted for cardiac monitors and fire training props.

Programs

Chief stated that staff has been looking to acquire a Federal surplus Humvee for snowplowing. In order to participate in the program, the District has to pass a resolution authorizing participation. Chief presented Resolution # 14-R-10: A Resolution of the Countryside Fire Protection District for Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to approve Resolution # 14-R-10 as presented. Roll call vote, Bruce Brown-aye, Bryan Hogan-aye. Motion carried.

Chief reviewed the health insurance renewal rates for 2015. Health insurance was up 9% with dental and vision flat. Chief requested Board action to amend the Flexible Spending Account guidelines so that the annual maximum salary reduction amount will be equal to the IRS annual statutory limit. Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to sign the Flexible Spending account amendment. Motion carried.

Chief Steingart presented the proposed 2015 Board meeting dates. Motion by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown to adopt the 2015 meeting dates as presented. Motion carried.

Other Information

Chief Steingart wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday and New Year.

Correspondence

11/18/14-Letter from Newport FD for mutual aid response to a structure 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

11/24/2014: Daily Herald – Fire damages 3 townhouses in Vernon Hills.
11/25/2014: Vernon Hills Review – Several residents displaced by Vernon Hills fire.
11/25/2014: CBS Chicago – Vernon Hills fire damages three homes.

Attorney's Report

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

Nothing new on tax objections.

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that beginning January 1, 2015, State law requires all purchases and contracts over \$ 20,000 dollars to be bid.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Executive session- Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 7:55 PM. Roll call vote- Bruce Brown-aye, Bryan Hogan-aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to resume the regular meeting at 8:02 PM. Motion carried.

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$412,909.14 (check numbers 14569 - 14642) by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Ron Grant
Recording Secretary