



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD December 20, 2018

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by Trustee Bruce Brown. Roll call indicated those present: Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Div. Chief Echtenacher, Erika Thomas, Attorney. Absent – Frank Wolowic Motion made to appoint Trustee Brown as President Pro Tempore by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Brown. Motion carried. Minutes of the November 15, 2018 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – Will be attending IPPFA Conference in January

Treasurer – No report

Election of Officers

None

Chief's Report

Audit

The Chief introduced Mr. Frank Costabile from the accounting firm of Costabile & Steffens P.C. Mr. Costabile gave an overview of the 2017-2018 District audit. Mr. Costabile also complimented staff for timely submission of any requested documents. Motion made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to accept the 2017-2018 audit as presented.

The regular monthly reports on Bureau activity, training certifications, response data and monthly financial activity were reviewed.

Personnel

We are in the process of taking on new part-time/paid-on-premise members that will start the fire academy in January, 2019.

Applications are available for Career testing to create a revised eligibility list due December 20, 2018 for January, 2019 testing.



Motion by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown to renew Chief Steingart's 2019 contract. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

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

Facilities

The station alerting systems are up and running at both fire stations with great success.

Grants

The 2018 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant application is open. We have applied for radios and is pending.

The 2018 FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant application will be open soon. Staff will be evaluating what is best to apply for.

CFPD received a \$1,000 donation from Winix Corp. in Vernon Hills for fire safety education programs.

Apparatus & Equipment

The new Pierce engine is ordered; prints are being reviewed with an expected delivery date of February, 2019. Staff is working on putting the old Pierce engines on the market in January, 2019.

Programs

Mundelein Automatic Response Intergovernmental Agreement

We have begun dialogue with Mundelein FD regarding updating and renewing the Automatic Response Intergovernmental Agreement.

2019 Meeting Dates

Motion by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan to approve the 2019 board meeting dates. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

Other Information

Staff attended an operations and policy committee meetings regarding dispatch consolidation in Lake County. A consultant has been awarded a contract.

Chiefs attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new ALDI in Vernon Hills.

Correspondence

11/06/2018 – Thank you letter from the Wauconda FPD for providing a stand-by crew for their appreciation dinner.

11/26/2018 – Thank you letter from Libertyville FD for response to a structure fire.

12/11/2018 – Thank you letter from Village of Long Grove for response during snowstorm.

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – Hawthorn Mall

Lake County – Roadster Shop in Ivanhoe is planning a large addition.

Hawthorn Woods – High Pointe Estates Subdivision at RT 176

Mundelein – No Report

Long Grove – No Report

Other Agencies (ARA's) – No Report

ARTICLES / NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

11/24/2018: Daily Herald – Vernon Hills welcomes holiday season with tree and menorah lighting.

Attorney's Report

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

Update on the lawsuit filed against The Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District and responding departments for a fatal fire that occurred on August 4, 2017.

Veto session in Springfield is expected to be quiet due to the turnover of seats from the November 6, 2018 election.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$367,367.87 (check numbers 19383 - 19500) by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Brown-Aye and Hogan-Aye

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

Ron Echtenacher
Recording Secretary