



COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFF STEINGART, CHIEF

FRANCIS L. WOLOWIC, PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD March 21, 2019

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM by Trustee Frank Wolowic. Roll call indicated those present: Frank Wolowic, Bruce Brown, Bryan Hogan, Chief Steingart, Deputy Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Heinz and John Kelly, Attorney. Absent – None. Minutes of the February 21, 2019 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – No report

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

As a result of Chief Steingart's retirement, the Board is asked to authorize posting notice to fill the Deputy Chiefs position from within CFPD.

Motion to approve by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried.

On March 15, 2019, our newest recruits Nolan Ahlgim, Justin Schorn, Matt Ventrelli, and Blake Yonan graduated from the NIPSTA Fire Academy Class 1901. We are very proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations to all!

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



Facilities

The Station #2 water heater is leaking and beyond repair/end of life. Pursuant to the IL Fire Protection Act 70 ILCS 705/11k; I am requesting Board action to waive the bidding process and authorize the Chief to execute a contract for emergency repair expenditures not to exceed \$25,000.

A motion to authorize the Chief to execute a contract for emergency repair expenditures not to exceed \$25,000 for the Station #2 water heater pursuant to the IL Fire Protection Act 70 ILCS 705/11k was made by Bruce Brown, second by Frank Wolowic.

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

Grants

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

Apparatus & Equipment

Staff is visiting Pierce on March 20-21 for the final inspection of the new Pierce engine; the dealer will then deliver it by the first week of April.

The old Pierce engines are out on the market.

The Ford Ranger sold at auction and the District received \$8,827.

Programs

No report

Mundelein Automatic Response Intergovernmental Agreement

We are in discussions with Mundelein FD regarding updating and renewing the Automatic Response Intergovernmental Agreement.

Fire Alarm Monitoring System RFP

The District has put this on hold for now as the existing contract is in effect until March 2020 and will re-visit the process later this year.

Budget FY 2019-2020

Budget preparation and planning is underway.

Accreditation

Chief Steingart, Deputy Chiefs Smith and Heinz attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence Conference & Commission on Fire Accreditation International in Anaheim, CA hearing on March 12, 2019. It is with great honor and pleasure to report that the CFPD was awarded re-accreditation for the 5th time. Chief Steingart presented the plaque to the Board at the meeting.

Other Information

Staff attended an operations and policy committee meetings regarding dispatch consolidation in Lake County. The consultants work has started.

Staff is putting the final touches on the CFPD 2018 annual report.

CFPD is hosting a mental health & wellness seminar for family members, retirees, and active members.

Correspondence

None

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

2/22/2019: Daily Herald-Ice Rescue training in VHHS Outdoor Education classes.

Attorney's Report

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

No new developments 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.

Seven bills on pension reform to combine Article Three and Article Four pensions in various combinations for cost savings.

April 10th is the Fire Service Legislative Date

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$356,953.45 (check numbers 19673 - 19759) was made by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan.

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

Chief Steingart took a moment at the end of the meeting to address the Board and thank them for the work they have done together over the past 12.5 years that Chief Stengart has been Chief. This is Chief Steingart's final District Board Meeting with Countryside FPD.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Bruce Brown, second by Bryan Hogan. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Chuck Smith
Recording Secretary