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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DIST. HELD October 17, 2019

The meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:37 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 – None. Minutes of the September 19, 2019 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Bryan Hogan, second by Bruce Brown. Motion carried.

Reports:

President – No report

Secretary – Open house was fun and a great success.

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

Michael Garza has passed the remaining steps in the hiring process and will be starting his 2 weeks of orientation on Monday the 21st.

We are in the process of interviewing eight new part-time/paid-on-premise members.

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

Facilities

No Report



Grants

The 2018 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for radios was submitted (DENIED)

The 2019 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant application opens soon. Staff is working on applying for a grant.

Apparatus & Equipment

No Report

Programs

Medicaid GEMT

The Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, in conjunction with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services has worked on submitting an application for federal funding to help fund Medicaid Managed Care and Fee for Service transports.

Insurance Renewals

Workers Compensation, Property & Liability, and Accidental & Injury: emailed on October 15, 2019 is a summary of the premiums for renewal of these insurance policies presented by our agent (Corkill Insurance). Overall the premiums are down more than 13%.

Motion made by Bruce Brown, second by Frank Wolowic to authorize the Chief to renew our Workers Compensation, Property & Liability and Accidental & Injury insurance policies as presented by our agent, Corkill Insurance. Motion carried

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

Health Insurance: Medical, Vision and Dental proposals are being evaluated and will be presented for consideration at the December meeting for January renewal.

Audit

The FY 2018-19 on-site field work was completed and will be presented at the December meeting by Costabile & Steffens.

Other Information

Staff attended an operations and policy committee meetings regarding dispatch consolidation in Lake County.

Staff continues work on VHCC dispatch consolidation (revenue sharing of LFD draft numbers around \$75K)

Chiefs continue to meet with Wauconda and surrounding Fire Districts on shared services. Of particular interest are future accounting services. Discussion on Wauconda's involvement of in potential new programs, ET3 and mobile integrated health.

The Open House / Pancake Breakfast were a huge success – thanks to all!
Chief Officers attended the Illinois Fire Chiefs conference in Peoria.

Correspondence

None

Intergovernmental Relations

Vernon Hills – Human Resources / Hiring Practices
Lake County – No Report
Hawthorn Woods – Pine Grove Equestrian Water Line Extension
Mundelein – No Report
Long Grove – No Report
Libertyville – No Report
Other Agencies (ARA's) – No report

Articles / Newspaper Clippings

None

Attorney's Report

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

Approve IGA between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and CFPD to participate in the supplemental funding of Medicaid transports through the GEMT Program, pursuant to federal approval of funding.

Motion made by Frank Wolowic, second by Bruce Brown to approve an IGA between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and CFPD to participate in the supplemental funding of Medicaid transports through the GEMT Program, pursuant to federal approval of funding. Motion carried

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Draft tax levy ordinance for November meeting.

Remarks from the floor

None

Bills

A motion to approve bills paid in the amount of \$136,714.18 (check numbers 20299 – 20360) 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 8:25 PM.

Ron Echtenacher
Recording Secretary