Regular Meeting
January 16, 2007

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:37 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Phillip J. Saas, Secretary George T. Kallas, Trustee Roberta J. O'Leary, and Trustee William R. Thar. Absent: Trustee Gary L. Muehlfelt.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing of 12/19/06 and the Regular Meeting of 12/19/06 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There being no changes or discussion, Trustee O'Leary made a motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Kallas. With regard to the Regular Meeting minutes, Trustee O'Leary asked that they be amended on page two, third paragraph to indicate that she was suggesting that those residents that support the referendum could speak with their neighbors to share information so that everyone can make educated decisions. Trustee O'Leary then made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Harris, Trustee O'Leary asked that the Treasurer's Report be tabled until the next meeting when Treasurer Harris is present.

Chief's Report: None.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis distributed information to the Board from Central DuPage Hospital, which indicated that the hospital would like the districts and departments to switch to a 12-lead EKG monitor. Central DuPage Hospital was able to secure a reduced price of $12,000.00 for the monitors, which typically cost approximately $30,000.00. In addition, Central DuPage Hospital offered to offset the cost of the new monitors and provided the Winfield Fire District with a check for $11,818.00, leaving a balance due of approximately $800.00. The new unit is portable, so it can be placed in either ambulance as needed, and it can be brought into a home or other medical emergency scene. With regard to the two older units, one will be placed on the back-up ambulance, and the other will be used on the ALS engine.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler stated his report will be discussed under "Old Business."

Old Business: Trustee Thar met with Chief DiMenza, Deputy Chief Lewis, Robin Youngberg and the proposed new consultant, and he was very impressed with him based on the way he presented himself. The consultant distributed some written material that was used in one of his previous referendums for the Board to review. Trustee Thar discussed some of the strategies used by this referendum and stated that although there are no guarantees, the consultant felt that

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there was enough time to get the message out. In addition, although Mr. Jenkins makes his services available to every fire district, he only agrees to work on one referendum at a time.

Attorney Weiler stated that the next election to participate in would be the April 17, 2007 consolidated election, and that resolution would need to be passed by February 13, 2007, making this meeting the last regular meeting for that resolution to be passed.

After discussion, Trustee Thar made a motion to place the referendum on the April 17, 2007 ballot, asking for a 12.5% increase each year for four consecutive years. That motion was seconded by Trustee Kallas. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Thar then made a motion that the Board hire Mr. Jenkins as a communications consultant to get the message about the referendum out to the public, seconded by Trustee O'Leary. All in favor. Trustee O'Leary asked if it would be within the authority of the Fire District to disseminate information to dispel the rumors that are circulating. Attorney Weiler stated that the District could provide a "Frequently Asked Questions" forum, as long as it is not a campaign to get people to vote a certain way. Trustee O'Leary then asked about how many trustees could be at a committee meeting, and Attorney Weiler stated that as long as it is a working meeting and there is no deliberation, more trustees could attend. However, to be on the safe side, there is no reason not to post the committee meeting.

Consent Agenda: The item on the consent agenda was the Monthly Run Report for December 2006. Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

New Business: The Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There being no questions or changes, Trustee Kallas made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Thar. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of $132,606.32. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee O'Leary asked about the status of the Sexual Harassment/Ethics training. Lt. Formento stated that it was scheduled for February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for Monday night training.

Trustee O'Leary then asked if there could be a periodic item on the Agenda to discuss a working plan to see what type of efforts the administration is doing to bring in additional paid-on-call or part-time firefighters. She felt that if the District is claiming the need for additional full-time personnel to supplement because it is difficult to get part-time people to apply, what is the District doing to recruit additional people? She would like to see something in writing that shows what the District's plan is to recruit personnel. Trustee Kallas asked if it has to be a point on the Agenda or can it be a part of the Chief's Report, and Trustee O'Leary agreed that part of the Chief's Report was fine.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Thar made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kallas, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition and pending litigation. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

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Phillip J. Saas, President   Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary