

Regular Meeting
March 20, 2007

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/20/07 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Thar made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harris reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February, which reflected a beginning balance of \$924,938.32 in the General Money Market and General Checking Accounts. After deposits totaling \$24,588.24 and disbursements of \$188,141.04, the ending balance was \$761,385.52. The Equipment Fund Money Market balance was \$80,305.23, and the ending balance for the certificates of deposit was \$1,181,686.33, leaving a total fund balance of \$2,023,377.08. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee O'Leary. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza gave an update to the Board on the progress of disseminating information on the referendum. He stated that there will be a letter from him mailed to each resident tomorrow, and the informational brochure will be mailed out on April 6th.

Trustee Muehlfelt felt that the District should have more informational meetings, one on a weekday evening and one on the weekend. Trustee Kallas also suggested that price tags should then be put on all of the equipment so that as people come to the open houses, they can see how much this equipment actually costs.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis spoke about the dive van grant presentation from Fireman's Fund and thanked those Board Members who attended the presentation.

Deputy Chief Lewis next distributed information and spoke about House Bill 0988. He stated that he has attended these sessions in Springfield twice so far and will attend a third time later this week to try to present enough opposition to block this bill from even going to Committee. If this Bill gets pushed off one more time, it will be a dead issue until the House opens up again. Deputy Chief Lewis is scheduled to testify, along with Chief Bodane from Carol Stream, Chief Christensen from Bloomingdale and Chief Gallagher from Waukegan.

Senator Hultgren spoke to Trustee Muehlfelt about this and stated that the Senators are getting pressure about this issue and that he has been approached by three firefighters from a neighboring community stating that this bill has to go through as a matter of safety because a lot of smaller districts are manning their second line fire engines and ambulances with administrative people. Deputy Chief Lewis explained that Beach Park was one of those departments, but the administrative personnel are Certified Firefighter II/Paramedics, so they are qualified to act in that capacity. After discussion, Deputy Chief Lewis explained that this Bill will prevent departments with full-time firefighting personnel from replacing them with part-time people when they are off shift for whatever reason.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The items on the consent agenda was the Monthly Run Report for February 2007 and comment cards. Trustee O'Leary made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

New Business: Deputy Chief Lewis submitted his request for the purchase of a dive van using the grant funds received from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. He stated that it was the intention of Chief DiMenza and himself not to utilize any funds from the District if at all possible. Their goal was to let Fireman's Fund have the pride in being able to say that they purchased a new dive van for the Winfield Fire Protection District. Based on his investigation, the cost of the dive van will be \$32,925.00, leaving just over \$12,000.00 for lights, sirens, lettering, generator mounting, air conditional mounting, a new radio, and four to five SCBA's, including air bottles. The total cost of this purchase should not exceed \$45,000.00. Chief DiMenza wanted to give complete credit to Deputy Chief Lewis and Robin Youngberg for all of their hard work in obtaining this grant. Deputy Chief Lewis also wanted to publicly thank Joe Cotton Ford for allowing the District to borrow a demo vehicle that would be similar in size and shape to the one being purchased by the District. There being no further discussion, Trustee Thar made a motion to authorize the purchase of the dive vehicle as requested by Deputy Chief Lewis, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$64,005.61. There being no questions, Trustee Kallas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being no further discussion, President Saas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition and pending litigation. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

Phillip J. Saas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary