

Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2009

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Klage at 7:38 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: Trustee Daniel Keck, Trustee Mark Klage, Trustee Jeffrey Lockard, Trustee Phillip Saas, Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza, Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Terms of Office: With a newly elected Board taking office, names and terms of office were determined by lottery. Trustee Mark Klage's name was drawn for the 6-year term. Trustee Jeffrey Lockard's name was drawn for one of the 4-year terms, and Trustee Jenny Saylor's name was drawn for the other 4-year term. Trustee Phillip Saas and Trustee Daniel Keck were drawn for the remaining 2-year terms.

Election of Officers: Trustee Klage opened the floor for nominations for the office of President. Trustee Saas stated that since Trustee Klage has had experience in that office, he nominated Trustee Klage for the office of President, seconded by Trustee Keck. There being no other nominations, the floor was closed and Trustee Klage was elected to the office of President by unanimous vote.

President Klage then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer. President Klage nominated Trustee Keck for the office of Treasurer, seconded by Trustee Saylor. There being no other nominations, the floor was closed and Trustee Keck was elected to the office of Treasurer by unanimous vote.

President Klage opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. President Klage nominated Trustee Saas for the office of Secretary, seconded by Trustee Keck. There being no other nominations, the floor was closed and Trustee Saas was elected to the office of Secretary by unanimous vote.

President Klage made a motion to move into Executive Session for purposes of discussing Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor. The meeting was moved into Executive Session at 7:45.

(Executive Session)

The Board reconvened into regular session at 7:55 p.m. Present were President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Daniel Keck, Trustee Jeffrey Lockard, Trustee Jenny Saylor.

Also Present: Chief Phillip A. DiMenza, Deputy Chief Bryan J. Lewis and Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Minutes: The minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of 4/21/09 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing as presented, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor. Trustee Saas then made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Gary Muehlfelt congratulated all of the new Trustees who were elected to the Board and thanked them for wanting to serve in that capacity. Trustee Saas also wanted to thank all of the previous Board Members for their years of service without any personal agenda as well as those candidates who ran but were not elected into office. He felt that more people should run for office for the sole purpose of wanting to serve and be a part of an organization in a positive way. Retired Chief Skip Higgins gave a brief history on the fire department, noting that the fire department was founded by Trustee Saylor's great grandfather, and her great uncle was a trustee when this station was built. In addition, her father was a firefighter with the department for many years, and now that history is continuing on. He expressed his appreciation to the Board and offered his service and assistance in any way it may be needed in the future.

Tom Saylor stated that, although he did not feel that an election was necessary for the fire district, now that it is over, the fire district has a board that was elected by the people and that should put an end to the division that was forming within the district over the last couple of years.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April. As of 4/30/09, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$849,623.25. After deposits of \$86,268.48, disbursements of \$170,822.86, the ending balance for those accounts was \$626,907.87. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,676,953.50, giving a total of all funds of \$2,303,861.37. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that there are several pieces of workout equipment that are need of replacement due to their age and instability. He will be putting information together to present to the Board next month.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that Central DuPage Hospital is now occupying the office space across the street above Caliendo's Restaurant.

In addition, he informed the Board that the written test for full-time firefighter was conducted on Saturday, May 9, 2009. There were 25 applicants that took the test, but the results of that test have not yet been received. There are currently two (2) open positions, so the next phase will be receiving all of the CPAT cards for physical agility and oral interviews. He felt it would still be a couple of months before a final eligibility register is posted.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler discussed Resolution 2009-101 Supporting Stakeholder Input and Public Safety Focus for the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board and the Interoperable Radio Network, giving a brief summary of the purpose of this Resolution. Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis further stated that in order to receiving any more grants funds,

it is necessary to adopt this resolution. Trustee Saas then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-101, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

Old Business: Chief DiMenza reviewed his memorandum dated 4/16/09 regarding the purchase of a new tanker as well as some supporting documentation to that memorandum. He was sensitive to the fact that there were three brand new board members and that this was their first time seeing this information. However, he stressed to them that this project has been ongoing since December of 2008. Chief DiMenza summarized the actions of the tanker committee that worked on the specifications, and President Klage asked Trustee Keck, one of the committee members, to give some of his thoughts.

Trustee Keck spoke about how much of the Fire District is without fire hydrants, so when there is a fire in those areas, the Fire Department needs to bring the water with them to the scene in a tanker. For this District, he stated that a tanker is not a luxury, it's a necessity. Although the value of the vehicle is about \$75,000 and the corrosion on the current tanker can be fixed for around \$75,000, this vehicle is due to be replaced in five (5) years anyway. His concern was spending that kind of money on a vehicle of this age and not recouping those costs when the vehicle is sold in five years. He felt that the funds would be better spent on a new vehicle now, stating that Pierce Manufacturing is a very reputable company and the District has had excellent experience with their products and service.

Trustee Saas asked what would prevent the tank from the new vehicle from corroding like the current one. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that, while the current tanker was only available with a stainless steel tank, the new ones are poly based with a lifetime warranty. If there is ever a need for service on the tank, Pierce will have their representative on site within 24 hours.

Trustee Lockard asked if this tanker would be equipped with EMS equipment for First Responders, and Deputy Chief Lewis confirmed that it would be fully EMS capable. Trustee Lockard then asked if all of that functionality is necessary on an auxiliary vehicle, and Trustee Keck stated that, although the vehicle is second in line, it is used as a front line vehicle in many circumstances; for instance, when the front line engine is out of service for repair or is responding mutual aid to another jurisdiction or when there is a report of a structure fire in an area without fire hydrants. Trustee Lockard was appreciative of all of the information provided and wanted to be sure that this explanation became part of the record because it is the most expensive vehicle in the fleet. Deputy Chief Lewis also informed the Board that, based on a decision of the previous Board, the fleet will be reduced from four (4) engines to three (3), so it will be utilized much more frequently.

Attorney Weiler gave a brief introduction for Judge Dan Guerin, and Judge Guerin administered the Oaths of Office to each Board Member individually.

President Klage asked the trustees who were new to the Board how they felt about making a decision on the purchase of a tanker at this meeting. He did not want them to feel pressured to make a decision immediately if they felt that they needed more time to review the information. All Board members felt ready to make a decision, so Trustee Saas made a motion to authorize the purchase of a tanker whose specifications were prepared by the committee from Pierce Manufacturing, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor by roll call vote.

With regard to the Vehicle Replacement Schedule, Deputy Chief Lewis gave the Board updated figures and reviewed the purpose of the Vehicle Replacement Schedule, explaining that it is a long term plan that continues to the year 2030. In addition, he stated that this document is reviewed annually and modified as needed from time to time. After discussion, Trustee Keck made a motion to adopt the new Vehicle Replacement Schedule, seconded by Trustee Lockard. All in favor.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for April as well as thank-you notes, comment cards and \$1,000 Illinois Fire Chiefs Association scholarship awards for FF Brandon Clairmont and Lt. Dave Formento. The Board expressed its appreciation to the members of the District for all of their hard work and congratulated the two scholarship recipients. There being no further discussion, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor.

New Business: After discussion in Executive Session, Trustee Keck made a motion to disburse \$275,000.00 to settle the lawsuit for the Matson Brothers property on County Farm Road, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for May was presented reflecting a total of \$74,766.95. Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Other Business: None.

There being nothing further for open session, Trustee Lockard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Keck. All in favor. The meeting was moved to Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary