

Regular Meeting  
October 15, 2013

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer Dan Keck, Trustee Cliff Mortenson, and Trustee Jenny Saylor.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/17/13 were distributed prior to the meeting. Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: President Klage welcomed a group of Wheaton North High School students to the meeting, who are attending as part of a class project.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Keck provided the Treasurer's Report for 9/30/13 in advance of the meeting. As of 9/30/13, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$833,282.03. After deposits of \$940,563.51 and disbursements of \$170,894.73, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,602,950.81. The combined balance of the Capital Projects Fund and Equipment Fund, including CD's, was \$1,139,460.72 (\$557,000.99 for Capital Projects and \$582,459.73 for Equipment Fund), giving a total of all funds of \$2,742,411.72. There being no further discussion, Trustee Saylor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Mortenson. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that the permit was issued for the roofer to begin with the Station #2 roofing project, so the contractor will begin either Friday or Monday.

Chief DiMenza next thanked everyone who assisted with the Open House, with a special Thank You to Ed Troutman for all of his hard work in organizing the event.

The new Chiefs' vehicles have arrived, and they are both in the process of being modified for Fire Department use.

Attorney's Report: Deferred to Executive Session.

Old Business: Trustee Keck reviewed his PowerPoint presentation on the various options to consider with regard to moving forward with the Strategic Plan. After discussion, Trustee Mortenson asked if there was a deadline for making a decision. Trustee Keck stated that although there is no deadline, if the Board does not decide one way or the other, it should then just start remodeling Station #1 for a more long-term use. He felt that if the Board wants to move forward, it needs to make some decisions and form a committee to make that happen. Trustee Mortenson felt that the District should partner up with the Village, Central DuPage Hospital, and other entities to see if they would be willing to help finance the District's goals. Trustee Saylor felt that the Board has only focused on a referendum, and they haven't considered other options that committee members have put together. She stated, until that happens, she will not vote in favor of a referendum. Trustee Mortenson asked Trustee Saylor what those options are, but she has not had the

opportunity to attend any of the meetings yet to find out what they are. Trustee Mortenson suggested that the Board form a non-binding committee to discuss possibilities, including the other options that may be available. Deputy Chief Lewis clarified that the other options that he has prepared are not what he would consider good options. They are last-resort options to consider if the financial status of the District begins to decline. They are not, however, options to use in place of increasing revenue.

Trustee Mortenson spoke about the employee development portion of the Strategic Plan, stating that he has interviewed almost everyone on the department to get their input. He will put together the results of those interviews and present them to the Board.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for September. Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor. Marionjoy sent the District a very nice Thank You with a photo for participating in their Fire Prevention activities.

New Business: Trustee Mortenson spoke to the Board about the concept of consolidation. He wanted the record to be very clear that he is in this position to represent the members of the Fire Department, rather than the taxpayers. He felt that while the District is looking at building a new station, consolidation needs to be a part of that discussion. If this District consolidates with another District, it may change the site of the needed station. While some people may think that consolidation would mean the elimination of jobs, his thought process is that many jobs would be phased out through attrition. Trustee Mortenson referred to some legislation that was passed on August 2, 2013, and Attorney Weiler gave clarification on some of the terminology in that legislation. Trustee Mortenson asked the Board if they were interested in considering consolidation. President Klage stated that while it is one of many things to discuss and consider, it is a much more complicated concept than it appears. Trustee Keck felt that the Board needs to do some workshops first before anyone else is approached on this topic. He alone has several items that need to be discussed prior to making a move in that direction, so he is sure there are others out there with concerns as well. He suggested that each Board Member take some time to think about this issue, and President Klage will come up with some dates and times to have a workshop.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List for October was presented reflecting a total of \$108,338.21. Trustee Saylor made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Saas asked for Board approval for President Klage and himself to meet with Central DuPage Hospital to pursue further discussion on long term goals, etc. Trustee Keck made a motion for a resolution authorizing President Klage and Trustee Saas to act on behalf of the Board for that purpose, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

There being no further discussion for Open Session, Trustee Keck made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing Potential Pending Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary