

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2008

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Klage at 7:40 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Thomas Duhig, Treasurer Gerald Beeson, Trustee Gary Muehlfelt, and Trustee William Thar.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/16/08 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Duhig made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Beeson reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September. As of 8/31/08, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$643,899.10. After deposits of \$815,364.05, disbursements of \$217,112.03, and an operating CD for \$50,000.00, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,292,151.12. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund Money Markets was \$114,487.51, and the balance for the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund CD's was \$1,426,124.88. There being no questions, Trustee Thar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza spoke about the ISO visit and the preparation that went into it, commending Lt. Steve Evans on an outstanding job gathering the information needed and meeting with the ISO representative. That process took many hours over several weeks to complete. The Board thanked Lt. Evans for his hard work on that project.

Chief DiMenza then informed the Board about the IRMA Management Assistance Program (IMAP) report that is conducted every three years. Because our percentage was 89% in 1005, the District was allowed to conduct a self-evaluation for 2008, which gave us the opportunity to verify that previous policies and practices are still in place as well the opportunity to increase the score by implementing additional policies and practices that were recommended in 2005. Due to Robin Youngberg's diligence in writing the several recommended policies and providing the supporting documentation, the District's score moved up to 96%, which is the highest score received of all IRMA members. The Board thanked Robin Youngberg for all of her efforts as well.

The Open House was next discussed by Chief DiMenza, where he thanked all of the Trustees for their attendance. Although it was impossible to get an accurate count of attendees, there were clearly well over 500 people that attended throughout the day. He expressed his appreciation to all of the volunteers, particularly to FF Ed Troutman for all his hard work in organizing the Open House. Trustee Beeson stated that of all the Open Houses that he has attended--and being a

former Chief, there were many--that he was very impressed with the turnout and how much fun everyone seemed to be having.

Lt. Keck had approached Chief DiMenza about his company renting a small space in the basement of Station #1 to temporarily house their off-site disaster recovery unit. Lt. Keck's company would pay a reasonable cost for the space as well as any costs that would be associated additional electrical changes, additional utility costs, etc. After much discussion and Attorney Weiler's opinion that with appropriate compensation there would not be an issue, the Board asked that Lt, Keck's company put together a formal proposal and the item would be put on the next agenda.

Chief DiMenza informed the Board about the memorial service for those involved in the Air Angels helicopter crash.

Trustee Muehlfelt talked about a fundraiser that he and Chief DiMenza attended for the family of the gentleman that was killed on Pleasant Hill Road. The both felt their attendance drew a very positive response, and the family was very appreciative.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis directed the Board's attention to the revised Tax Levy Ordinance that was distributed, which reflected an amended amount to be levied for the Pension Fund. This change was based on the recommendation of the Actuarial Study conducted for the Pension Fund.

After discussion at the last meeting regarding replacement of the tanker because of the cost to repair the current one, Deputy Chief Lewis was informed at the Illinois Fire Chief Conference in Peoria that the cost of the fire apparatus is going to increase substantially after the first of the year due to new EPA mandates. In light of that information, Deputy Chief Lewis asked the Board if there was any thought about ordering the tanker before January 1st to bet the price increase, which will be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. After discussion, Trustee Beeson asked Deputy Chief Lewis to also review the fire apparatus journals to see if there is a decent used vehicle that could be obtained for a lower cost. Deputy Chief Lewis agreed to look, but expressed his doubt at finding one that would suit the District's needs because it is such a specialized vehicle. Attorney Weiler confirmed that a new vehicle could still be ordered this year, because it would not be paid for until next budget year. Trustee Beeson also stated that if the District decides to purchase new, we should research interest rates rather than just financing with the manufacturer. Trustee Duhig suggested that Deputy Chief Lewis research what's available on the used market, what's available for lease/purchase, and what financing is available through the State Fire Marshal's Office, etc. Deputy Chief Lewis will put together a report for the next meeting.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler stated that the first day for circulating nominating petitions for the election of trustees is October 28, 2008. For purposes of elections that are conducted for the offices of this District, the District is the local election authority. He recommended that the Board delegate to Robin Youngberg, the Administrative Assistant, to act as the official responsible for disseminating information to those interested in obtaining candidates packets and collecting the petitions so that there is a clearly designated depository of those nominating petitions. He and Ms. Youngberg have already spoken about what forms to include in the

packets as well as a letter with all of the guidelines. Trustee Beeson moved to designate Robin Youngberg as that designated person, seconded by President Klage. All in favor.

Trustee Beeson then moved to recess to Executive Session for purposes of discussing land acquisition, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), pending litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and personnel and deliberations concerning salary schedules and/or discipline of personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). That motion was seconded by President Klage. All in favor. The meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

(Executive Session)

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m. with President Klage, Secretary Duhig, Treasurer Beeson, Trustee Muehlfelt, Trustee Thar, Chief DiMenza and Deputy Chief Lewis present.

Old Business: Following discussion in Executive Session, Trustee Beeson made a motion to adopt Salary Ordinance 271 as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Letters of interest were received from Mr. George Kallas and Mr. Chris Levan requesting consideration to serve on the Board of Fire Commissioners. There being no objection, Trustee Beeson moved to appoint both individuals to fill the two vacancies on the Board, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor. President Klage asked Chief DiMenza to contact both individuals to see if they can attend the November board meeting to be sworn in.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for September and comment cards. After the comment cards were reviewed by the Board, Trustee Beeson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

New Business: Tax Levy Ordinance No. 273 was distributed to the Board for their review. Trustee Thar made a motion to set the public hearing for Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. just prior to the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

The discussion of Station #2 will be tabled until the November meeting.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List was presented reflecting a total of \$146,355.05. There being no discussion, Trustee Beeson made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Other Business: Based on discussion in Executive Session, Trustee Duhig made a motion to direct Attorney Weiler to abandon the land acquisition, seconded by Trustee Thar. Motion carried by roll call vote.

There being no further business, Trustee Beeson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary