

Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2008

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Klage at 7:32 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. Absent: Attorney Bernie K. Weiler.

Swearing in of New Fire Commissioners: Mr. George Kallas and Mr. Chris Levan were each sworn in as members of the Board of Fire Commissioners by Secretary Duhig.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 10/21/08 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or corrections, Trustee Beeson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: Janet Lewis read her letter of resignation into the record. The Board thanked her for her years of service and wished her well.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Beeson reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October. As of 9/30/08, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,242,151.12. After deposits of \$114,927.07, disbursements of \$222,194.31, and an operating CD for \$50,000.00, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,184,883.88. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund Money Markets was \$132,605.83, and the balance for the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund CD's was \$1,380,797.37. There being no questions, Trustee Duhig made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza informed the Board that in light of Janet Lewis' resignation, the administration is in the process of filling that position with a qualified candidate.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the Resurrection Church project on Gary's Mill Road has been passed by the County. The Westwin and Cantigny Homeowners Associations told Deputy Chief Lewis that they did not want the church in that location. However, he informed them that it is not within his authority to approve or deny the location of projects. His responsibility lies solely with compliance with the Fire Prevention Code and Fire District regulations. He asked for and received traffic studies and a plan showing that a 45-foot aerial apparatus will be able to drive around the lot if there is a call when the parking lot is full. Those plans not only met the requirements, but they exceed them, so he approved them.

Diana Book, a representative of the Marklund Home, contacted Deputy Chief Lewis to let him know that their building on Shady Way Lane had some serious damage during the flood last month. The domestic water system separated from the building and flooded the entire building, and because it has been vacant, the damage was realized for quite some time. Ms. Book stated that the building has no heat because all of the pipes are broken, so he gave them a 60-day

Public Hearing  
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The Public Hearing was called to order by President Klage at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the proposed 2008/2009 Tax Levy Ordinance No. 273. President Klage asked if there were any comments or questions with respect to the Levy. There being no questions or comments, Trustee Thar made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Mark Klage, President

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approval to shut down the sprinkler system because the cold weather is coming and they are not sure what they are going to do with the building yet. Deputy Chief Lewis stated in his letter to her that the building must remain unoccupied during that time, and the fire alarm system must remain active with working heat and smoke detectors. Ms. Book is to contact him in 60 days to let him know status.

Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the project for Central DuPage Hospital's new bed pavilion is moving forward, and he is almost finished with the plan review. Although the Hospital has complied with all of the Fire District's requirements, he is still concerned about the fact that the Hospital removed one story of the building from the original plan, but it shows that within ten years they may add a top story and a helicopter pad on top of the building. When this building was originally proposed, Deputy Chief Lewis was concerned with the height of the building, because it would have been too tall for any of the surrounding aerial apparatus to successfully reach for suppression and/or rescue. If and when that time comes, Trustee Beeson felt very strongly that there was not a need for Winfield to have an aerial apparatus because of the costs associated with it. Instead, he felt that better fire protection would need to be built into the building. After discussion on the potential need for an aerial vehicle in that instance, the Board directed Deputy Chief Lewis to include in his approval letter that if the Hospital wants to proceed with any plans more than what is currently approved and if any special fire protection needs exist with those plans, before anything else will be approved, they will need to address those special fire protection needs.

At Trustee Beeson's request, Deputy Chief Lewis provided the Board with information on the cost associated with leasing fire apparatus as well as information on used tankers. Although there were no used apparatus suitable for the District's needs, the Board will review the leasing information further when the time comes to purchase the new tanker. Chief DiMenza also contacted Winfield Community Bank, and they offered to finance a fire engine, \$500,000.00, 6% interest rate, \$10,600.00 per month for a payment that would be prime plus 1.5% and float it, but it would be an adjustable rate. Trustee Thar asked what the District could expect to be able to sell the current tanker for, and Deputy Chief Lewis felt that \$50,000.00 would be a reasonable expectation. The Board gave Deputy Chief Lewis the direction to move forward to get some proposals and see what a new tanker is going to cost.

Chief DiMenza informed the Board that he and Deputy Chief Lewis are going to visit Pierce Manufacturing to see what is being produced and determine what is needed and not needed, etc. He offered to bring any of the Trustees as well if there was an interest.

Attorney's Report: Although Attorney Weiler was not in attendance, he prepared an agreement to be signed between the Village of Winfield and the Winfield Fire Protection District to allow the Fire District to test the fire hydrants within the Village of Winfield and protect the District from liability. Deputy Chief Lewis contacted Bill Barlow of the Village of Winfield to let him know about this agreement, and Mr. Barlow was fine with it. There being no further discussion, Trustee Thar made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Old Business: Tax Levy Ordinance No. 273 was previously discussed at the Public Hearing. There being no questions or changes, Trustee Duhig made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 273, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for October and comment cards. Trustee Thar made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

New Business: Trustee Beeson informed the Board that he would like to consider getting Station #2 operational. He did not think that the District could realistically provide adequate service to both sides of the District, since it is divided by the railroad tracks. After much discussion, the Board agreed to have FGM review the station and provide an estimate on the cost of renovation before making any further decisions. Although there are funds available in the building and equipment funds available for this purpose, the Board wanted to be sure that funds will remain available to refurbish Station #1 in the future as well.

Payment of Bills: The Bill List was presented reflecting a total of \$89,892.48. After discussion, Trustee Beeson made a motion to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor.

Other Business: Trustee Klage attended the recent Trustee's conference and obtained information on Trustee Certification.

Chief DiMenza reminded the Board that the NIAFPD conference is coming up in February in Oak Brook. If any Trustees are planning to attend, please complete the registration form in its entirety, as it is rather detailed. Then submit it to Robin so that she can do one master registration form for the entire department.

There being no further business, Trustee Thar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Duhig. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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