

Regular Meeting  
December 18, 2007

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Saas at 7:36 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 William R. Thar and Trustee Mark Klage.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 11/20/07 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, Trustee Kallas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harris reviewed his report for November. The beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,301,813.12. After deposits of \$69,733.29 and disbursements of \$178,495.13, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,193,051.28. The balance for the certificates of deposit as of 11/30/07 was \$1,480,569.87. There being no questions, Trustee Thar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor.

Treasurer Harris informed the Board that he would like to move some of the District funds to other local banks in order to better diversify, stating that the rates at other banks are very competitive. President Saas stated that some of the rates and services offered to the District by Winfield Community Bank over the years were predicated on that bank having all of the District funds, so he wanted to be sure that the Board kept that in mind when making the decision to move funds. Treasurer Harris felt it was a good idea to diversify at other banking institutions and asked the Board to pass a Resolution giving him the authority to open accounts and move money into those accounts. Attorney Weiler prepared the language for Resolution 2007-103, authorizing Treasurer Harris to open accounts and invest in those accounts, but that withdrawals are to be restricted to two of the Trustees. President Saas made a motion to pass Resolution 2007-103, seconded by Trustee Thar. All in favor by roll call vote.

Chief's Report: Chief DiMenza informed the Board about a recent shed fire within the district as well as a mutual aid dive call on York Road in Oak Brook for a drowning victim. Although the new dive van was not quite ready to be put in service for that call, it is very near completion. Despite the level of the call, Chief DiMenza stated that relying on a suitable number of callback personnel continues to be a problem.

Chief DiMenza stated that FF Patrick Pflederer has teamed up with the three local pizza establishments for a public education opportunity. Members of the Fire Department have volunteered to participate in this program, where members of the Fire Department, using a

department vehicle, will deliver some of the pizzas and ask the homeowners if they have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. If they do not, the District will provide them with one from a batch that was donated by First Alert. If they have working detectors, they just got the thrill of having their pizza delivered by the Fire Department.

The Board agreed that if a press release could be put together to set out the criteria and specify that this program is being organized by the Winfield Volunteer Fire Company, that these deliveries are being made with a reserve vehicle by firefighters who are volunteering their time, and it will not affect emergency response times or regular departmental activities.

Chief DiMenza also informed the Board about a coffee meeting he has scheduled in Klein Creek on January 18, 2008 to discuss the referendum. Attorney Weiler suggested mailing one Q & A fact out per week, one piece of paper with one question and one answer. Trustee Kallas suggested three bullet points to keep it simple.

Deputy Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Lewis stated that the lettering on the Dive Van will be completed tomorrow, and the interior will be completed in the very near future.

A follow-up meeting was held with Central DuPage Hospital, and Deputy Chief Lewis informed the Board that CDH has agreed to meet the cost we currently pay for physicals with Edward Corporate Health and reduce that cost by an additional 10%. He is still working with the Chief Financial Officer of the Hospital on their new building and how the District is going to protect it.

Lt. Daly and Lt. Justice will be going to Troy, Illinois in the morning to pick up the American LaFrance engine, which was having some warranty work done. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that it will take a day or two to get that engine back in service.

Attorney's Report: None.

Old Business: Tax Levy Ordinance No. 268 was reviewed prior to the meeting, and discussion was made available at the Public Hearing. There being no questions or comments, Trustee Kallas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 268, seconded by Trustee Muehlfelt. All in favor by roll call vote.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda consisted of the Monthly Run Report for November. Trustee Thar made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

New Business: None.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for November was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$68,411.62. There being no questions, Trustee Muehlfelt made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Other Business: Chief DiMenza wanted to remind the Board that the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection District conference is coming up in January, and if anyone is planning on attending, they should have all of their information given to Robin by the end of the month.

Attorney Weiler had nothing for Executive Session, station that the case is still in the discovery phase.

After a review of the previous Executive Session minutes, President Saas made a motion that all of the Executive Session minutes dated from 8/19/03 through 8/21/07 remain sealed due to their content, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Trustee Kallas asked that the Board consider looking into having Station #2 rezoned to evaluate the possibility of selling it sooner rather than later, especially if the referendum fails again. He stated that it may also require that the Board consider selling some equipment, if necessary. Deputy Chief Lewis stated that he asked the Village about rezoning that property, and he was told that the only other zoning they would consider would be for a sales tax based property. Trustee Kallas felt that if the District doesn't offer it for sale, we won't know who would be interested in it.

There being no further business, President Saas made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Phillip J. Saas, President

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Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary