

Special Meeting
8/15/18

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Klage 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President Mark Klage, Secretary Phillip Saas, Treasurer George Kallas, Trustee Jennifer Saylor and Trustee Randall Simpson.

Also Present: Chief Phillip DiMenza, DC Steven Evans, and Attorney Bernie Weiler.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss fire prevention matters with regard to business occupancies within the Village of Winfield. As previously discussed, the Village Manager of the Village of Winfield is the Authority Having Jurisdiction with respect to business occupancies within the Village limits, but they have approached the Fire District requesting some assistance with business inspections and the like. Trustee Saas was absent from the last Board meeting, so he was looking for Board consensus as to whether or not the Fire District should agree to meet with officials from the Village of Winfield to find out exactly what type of assistance they are looking for prior to the Fire District agreeing to anything.

Lengthy discussion ensued as to the challenges and pitfalls that could occur since most of those occupancies have not been inspected by the Village in several years. If the Village is asking the Fire District to take over their Fire Prevention Bureau duties, the recommendation from Chief DiMenza and DC Evans was that the Village bring all business occupancies into compliance prior to the Fire District assuming any responsibility. If the Village is looking for a different kind of assistance, the Fire District would need to know what that is before making any decisions. Attorney Weiler agreed that the Board needs to find out what the questions is before putting any plan in place

After much further discussion, the Board asked Chief DiMenza and DC Evans to set up a meeting between themselves, Village Manager Curt Barrett, Village President Eric Spande, Trustee Saas and Trustee Kallas sometime next week to find out exactly what they are looking for.

There being no further business, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary