

Regular Meeting
9/18/18

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 8/21/18 were distributed prior to the meeting. There being no questions or amendments, Trustee Saas made a motion to approve the Regular minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Saylor. All in favor.

Remarks From Floor: None.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 8/31/18 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 7/31/18, the beginning balance in the checking account and general money market account was \$1,201,008.71. After deposits of \$508,341.55 and disbursements of \$202,471.61, the ending balance for those accounts was \$1,506,878.65. The combined balance of the Capital Projects and Equipment Fund, including CD's was \$1,719,528.74, giving a total of all funds of \$3,226,407.39. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor.

Chiefs' Reports: Chief DiMenza stated there were several calls of interest that occurred over the last month. In addition, He stated that Winfield was awarded the Call of the Month for July, the crew involved being FF/PM Seth Lamb, FF/PM Ed Troutman and FF/PM Andrew Martin. Chief DiMenza next acknowledged that FF/PM Ed Troutman has 23 years of service with the District; FF/PM Jeff Fester was awarded a grant for First Alert smoke detectors; and FF/PM Andrew Martin now qualifies to act up out of class when the Officer is off duty. Chief DiMenza also informed the Board that the Open House will be on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Finally, Chief DiMenza spoke about an Emergency Management conference that he and DC Evans attended, free of charge, with a lot of valuable information.

DC Evans spoke about the Alliance training that was conducted over the last month, giving a summary of the activities that were included.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Weiler spoke about an agreement he received between the District and the ETSB that is to replace the station alerting system so that it will be capable with the new CAD system and they have invested in. All of the stations are being outfitted with the necessary equipment to make it compatible, but the District will have to provide some funding for the utilities, etc., in order to facilitate its function. Trustee Saas made a motion to enter into that agreement, seconded by Trustee Kallas. All in favor.

Attorney Weiler then discussed some tax objections pending, stating that in the past, these issues were handled by the State's Attorney who would authorize the ultimate settlement. However, he

State's Attorney's Office is not stating that they are overwhelmed and under manned, so they are requiring the actual taxing districts to get involved with them. There are two objections that have come up for excess accumulation in the ambulance fund, and he has negotiated the amounts down to \$8,000 for each objection payable over two tax years, with authorization by the Board. After discussion, Trustee Simpson made a motion to settle the tax objections at 50% of their valuation, payable over two tax years, seconded by Trustee Saas. All in favor by roll call vote.

Old Business: Mr. Andrew Miriani, the auditor for the District, was in attendance to answer some questions the Board had on the most recent Audit. He further confirmed that there are no negative issues noted in the Audit, and that District is in a positive position from an audit standpoint. The deficit number in question was related to the Pension Fund and the Actuarial assumptions. Discussion followed.

Trustee Kallas then asked what happened after the District Board met with Village officials regarding fire prevention. Attorney Weiler gave a summary of that meeting for the Board members who were not in attendance. He stated that the Village could eliminate this issue all together if they would just repeal their Code, but instead, the Village is more interested in an Intergovernmental Agreement. The question then becomes, what are the terms of that agreement? Since Attorney Weiler went out of town the day after that meeting and was gone for three weeks, it is his intention to contact the attorney for the Village of Winfield later this week for further discussion.

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

New Business: Correspondence was received by the Board from an individual who had expressed interest in purchasing Fire Station #2. In addition, another individual asked about leasing it for a business. Before discussing it further, DC Evans stated he would find out if that property was ever re-zoned.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for August was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$40,473.95. There being no questions, Trustee Saas made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor by roll call vote.

Other Business: None.

There being no further business, Trustee Saas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Mark Klage, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary