

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Kevin McCurrie led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** On call of the roll, Trustees Kevin McCurrie, Todd Thielmann, Gene Adams, Richard Nogal and Russell Miller responded as present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chief James Graben, Attorney Thomas Courtney, James Howard of Governmental Accounting, Inc., Recording Secretary Maxine Bell, Attorney Jeremy Edelson and personnel of the Fire District.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A Motion was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, as written. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** James Howard presented the Treasurer's Report and did an excellent job in explaining the District's Financial Analysis and the Summary of Revenue and Expenditures. James went on to explain a little about deficits, miscellaneous expenses, property taxes, loan proceeds, etc. President McCurrie stated that the District had \$149,939.06 in payroll and \$100,770.09 in account payables and Trustee Adams made a Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Miller. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- A) Chief stated that the District currently has five employees off. The first employee will be back to work within 3-4 weeks. Two employees had back surgery and worker's comp is reviewing claim and employees are recovering. One employee fractured his hand on his own time and is using sick time. One employee should return to work by second week of April.
- B) Chief commented on new ambulance 6312 being in service for past week. This ambulance is equipped with Stryker Power Load which will reduce injuries to firefighters and paramedics. Chief mentioned that 2013 ambulance 6302 will also be equipped with a Power Load System within the next few weeks.
- C) Chief mentioned that 1998 ambulance (old 6312) was out of commission and was sold for \$7,000. Trustee Adams questioned if advertisement was needed for fire

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station equipment selling for over \$500. Mr. Courtney advised the Board that this ambulance could be sold, without advertising, as surplus equipment. Trustee Miller made a Motion to Sell District's old 6312 Ambulance; motion seconded by Trustee Adams. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

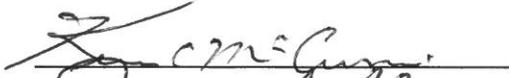
- D) The next issue that the Chief mentioned was the purchase of a new SCBA compressor. Chief wanted Board of Trustees to authorize the purchase of this compressor; stating that the current compressor was 30 years old and the cost of this compressor was already budgeted. Trustee Miller made a Motion for Chief to Purchase New Compressor and motion was seconded by Trustee Nogal. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.
  
- E) Captain Rath attended the conference on Public Education in Peoria March 22-24 and gave Chief updated report as to how this experience will enhance the Public Education Program at Palos Fire.
  
- F) Chief mentioned that today he received a call from IPRF. They changed our renewal date from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> and the District has \$18,000 coming back due to the audited payroll being lower.
  
- G) Chief received an e-mail today from Palos Park Women's Club stating that they will donate \$1,000 towards the purchase of an AED for fire station.
  
- H) Chief was also informed that Peace Memorial will donate some funds to the District from their Pancake Breakfast for Palos Fire District allowing Peace Memorial to put sign in fire station window.
  
- I) Lastly came the swearing in of Mr. Tom Crowhurst as Fire Commissioner for the Palos Fire District.

**CLOSED SESSION.** A motion was made by Trustee McCurrie and seconded by Trustee Adams to adjourn to closed session to discuss contract negotiations and/or matters of possible litigation. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:40 P.M.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** The meeting returned to open session at 8:30 P.M.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M. on a motion made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Nogal. The motion carried by a roll call vote. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017.

  
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Donald Miller

  
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Trustee Nogal

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