

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING JULY 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The July 5, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie. The meeting was held at Palos Fire Protection District, Station 1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois 60464.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief James Graben; Attorney Thomas Courtney, Jr.; James Howard of Governmental Accounting, Inc.; Recording Secretary Marianne DeHaan and personnel of the Fire District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Adams and Seconded by Trustee Thielmann to approve the minute of the Public Hearing of June 6, 2016, as written. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Nogal, second by Trustee Adams to approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: James Howard presented the Treasurer's Report. The ending cash position as of May 31, 2016, is \$2,760,651.00. Mr. Howard reviewed the Financial Analysis for the month ending May 31, 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Nogal, second by Trustee Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, authorizing disbursements of payroll of \$278,632.53 and accounts payables of \$119,866.70. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- A) Most of the calls this past month were EMS calls. There was a HazMat call on July 4th-a propane gas leak at a gas station.
- B) One employee remains off on a duty related Injury. He may be able to return to work within six (6) to eight (8) weeks.
- C) The Administrative Assistant is home and continuing with treatment. She is still unable to return to work. Her salary has been discontinued effective July 1, 2016. She will remain on health/dental insurance, with the premium being her responsibility. President McCurrie read

a Thank You note from JoAnn to the District; thanking everyone for their continued support and well-wishes.

- D) **Damage to new Engine 6303:** On June 15, 2016, while returning to quarters after a call, Engine 6303 struck a branch from a tree that had fallen across the road. The branch went through the windshield and damaged the front end of the vehicle. No one was injured. The vehicle is at Pierce Refurbishment Center in Wisconsin for repairs. The insurance company has been notified, and they are handling the claim. The reserve engine is in service in its place; and there has been no lapse in service to the district. Insurance paid \$25,000.00, minus the \$500.00 deductible. Trustee Nogal asked if there would be an increase to our insurance premium due to the fact that this is our third incident. Chief Graben stated he thought there probably would be an increase. Discussion about if there is sufficient illumination on the top of the engine due, to the fact that the driver did not see the branch across the road until the last minute. Chief Graben states that there is a large light on the top of the engine, but it is too bright to use when the vehicle is being driven. The original headlights have been replaced with projector LED lights. Chief Graben felt the branch was hard to see due to the elevation of the road at that location. Mr. Thielmann asks if the homeowner would have any responsibility. Chief Graben stated that they would not since the tree was on State property, and was damaged by an Act of God.
- E) **Station 1 Roof Replacement:** The project has been awarded to the lowest bidder, J & J Roofing and Construction, and they will begin work within the next week. Their bid was for \$33,500.00. A total of seven (7) bids were received, ranging from \$33,500.00 to \$79,000.00.
- F) **Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic Testing:** The application period has ended. Forty-four applications were taken out by candidates, and forty were returned. The mandatory orientation and written exam are scheduled for the first weekend in August.
- G) **Dedication for Gladys Nash:** Scheduled for Friday, July 15, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. at Station 1. The Regional Newspaper has been notified and are expected to cover this event. Mr. McCurrie requested that we make sure to invite members of Orland Fire District to the dedication.
- H) **The District has received a \$1,000.00 grant from Enbridge Energy Company, which operates an underground pipeline near the District. The grant is to be used to purchase protective clothing to be used in an emergency involving the pipeline.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **ISO RATING:** The District was evaluated by the Insurance Service Office and was awarded an ISO Class of 2. The last time the District was evaluated was in 2007, and the rating was ISO Class 3. Chief Graben commends the District's Officers and firefighters for putting in a tremendous amount of work to obtain this lower class. The residents of the District should be made aware of this lower ISO rating, due to the fact that many insurance companies

calculate their rates based on the ISO rating. Chief Graben will get the information out to the residents.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CLOSED SESSSION: A motion was made by Trustee Thielmann and seconded by Trustee Nogal to adjourn to closed session to discuss issues concerning personnel issues, contract negotiations and/or matters of possible litigation. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:38 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 8:36 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M. on a motion made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Trustee Nogal. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, August 1, 2016.










