

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 9, 2015 RESCHEDULED REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The rescheduled regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2015 by President Kevin McCurrie. The meeting was conducted at 8815 West 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: On call of the roll Trustees Gene Adams, Todd Thielmann, Kevin McCurrie and Russell Miller responded present. President McCurrie advised that Trustee Nogal was unable to attend this meeting because of a previous commitment.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Patrick Gericke, Administrative Assistant JoAnn D'Altorio, Attorney Thomas Courtney, Jr., CPA James Howard, Recording Secretary Gladys Nash and members of the public and fire department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the January 5, 2015 trustee minutes as presented. Trustee Miller seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Howard reviewed the various accounts and revenue and expenditures for the period ending December 30, 2014. Ambulance user fees are continuing to average about \$44,500.00 per month. As requested by Trustee Thielmann, Mr. Howard will review past collection information, noting about 25% of individuals billed do not have insurance. Consideration may be given to utilizing a collection agency to recover unpaid invoices. Over all, the current account balances are close to the budget. Motion was made by Trustee Adams to accept the report presented. Trustee Miller seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

President McCurrie submitted \$303,028.63 for payroll and \$154,336.00 for accounts receivable and payables to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the report and authorize expenditures totaling \$457,364.65 as confirmed by Mr. Howard. Trustee Adams seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Miller, Adams, Thielmann and McCurrie voted aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: There was none.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Incident Activity: Average response times for first unit on the scene continue to be 4:20.

Employee Injury: An additional four weeks of therapy were ordered on February 2.

Good of the Order: Discussion has been held with Moraine Valley Community College to participate in their Fire Intern program. Documents have been reviewed by Mr. Courtney, and workers compensation coverage will be provided. Student interns would spend fourteen hours weekly (unpaid) learning about fire department operations while continuing their classroom and college education. Students will be

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receive certification from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Discussion followed regarding physical examinations for personnel which were previously provided by Dr. Moissan.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Protective Clothing: A grant of \$27,835.00 was received from Illinois Public Risk Fund last month to reimburse the district for protective clothing purchases. There is a critical need to replace coats, pants and suspenders which are ten years old. Equipment does not hold up to extreme heat and vapors beyond this cycle to provide needed protection for personnel. Ten sets are currently being repaired and thirty more need to be replaced. There is a new state law requiring bids for large equipment orders. Specifications will need to be developed for the bidding process. An emergency purchase for ten sets of protective clothing may be considered. Grant monies from IPRF are received annually and will be applied to purchase protective gear.

Reserve Ambulance: May need an engine overhaul at a possible cost of \$9,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Chief's contract to be discussed in closed session.
- B) Trustee Training sessions were attended by Trustees McCurrie, Adams and Miller.
- C) A joint meeting with the Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled for April 6, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Purchase of 2015 Ford Expedition was tabled for the present.
- B) Disposal of surplus equipment: Motion was made by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Thielmann authorizing the chief to use his discretion on disposal of the ground ladders from old unit 6304 and the white-water rescue cargo trailer. On call of the roll Trustees Miller, Thielmann, Adams and McCurrie voted aye; motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion was made at 7:37 p.m. by Trustee Miller to adjourn into closed session to discuss personnel issues, contract negotiations and possible litigation. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:32 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Thielmann. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

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President McCurrie advised a special trustee meeting will be scheduled within the next thirty days to discuss two personnel issues and contract negotiations in closed session. Notice will be posted as required by law.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m., on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried on roll call vote.

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