

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JANUARY 5, 2015 REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02 p.m., January 5, 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 Todd Thielmann, Kevin McCurrie and Rich Nogal responded present. Trustee Russell Miller joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Trustee Adams joined the meeting immediately preceding the report presented by the chief.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Thielmann to approve the December 8, 2014 trustee minutes as presented. Trustee Nogal seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Howard presented highlights of the summary statement of revenue and expenditures for the seven month period ended November 30, 2014. Ambulance user fees are averaging about \$44,500.00 per month. Aging relative to unpaid user fees will be reviewed for the board. The next property tax collections will be received in March. A small checking account is maintained at First Midwest Bank to cover outstanding checks ACH receivables from Medicare, to transfer to CNB Bank. President McCurrie submitted \$297,027.21 for payroll and \$932,678.76 for accounts receivable and payables to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Trustee Nogal to accept the report and authorize expenditures of \$1,229,705.97 as verified by Mr. Howard. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Nogal, Miller, Thielmann and McCurrie voted aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: There was none.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Incident Activity: Gold shift seems to arrive on the scene quicker than the other shifts. Captain Adams, Lieutenant Hranicka and Lieutenant Foley are the shift officers. Chief Gericke feels the faster response reflects a personal effort on the part of the shift personnel. Over all, responses are excellent. In the future Southwest Central Dispatch will direct emergency calls to the appropriate station.

Captain Promotional Test: The Board of Fire Commissioners will meet January 7, 2015 to finalize the promotional list subject to military points.

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Station #2 roof replacement has been completed and the area cleaned of all debris. The cost was \$34,300.00.

Employee Injury: One employee remains off duty because of a shoulder injury. Surgery was performed in October and he is expected to be released for duty by April 1.

Good of the Order: On December 13, 2014, the district responded to a structure fire which generated high heat and a great deal of smoke in an unoccupied residence. Captain Graben reported smoke in the area prior to arrival of responding units. Lieutenant McHale and his crew located the seat of the fire which was quickly extinguished without any injuries. Palos Heights, North Palos, and Orland Park provided assistance including station manning. President McCurrie read a letter signed by two of the trustees, commending the work of each fire fighter responding to the call. A copy of the letter will be included in the personnel file for each individual.

Donation from the family and friends of Robert Lumley: Captain Adams was one of the medics on the call when Mr. Lumley experienced a cardiac arrest in 1990 and was successfully resuscitated. The family has been extremely generous in donating funds specifically to purchase CPR training equipment to facilitate training the general public and maintain staff proficiency.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The chief's contract will be discussed later in the meeting, with possible board action.
- B. Trustee training in Lombard February 5-8, 2015. Trustees McCurrie and Miller plan to attend sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Subjects include pension and trustee requirements.
- C. Chief Gericke advised the trustees that the fire commissioners have requested information regarding items to be discussed at the joint meeting scheduled for April 6. Their attendance at the full board meeting will help familiarize them with the procedures utilized by the trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tax Anticipation Warrant: Mr. Courtney presented Ordinance 2015-1 for issuance of a Tax Anticipation Warrant from CNB Bank and Trust, N.A. in the amount of \$500,000.00 at an interest rate of 2.15/100 percent per annum. Preliminary approval has been received from the bank for the warrants. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve Ordinance 2015-1 as prepared by Mr. Courtney. Trustee Miller seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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B. 2015 Trustee Meeting Schedule: The trustee meetings are scheduled to be held the first Monday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Courtney will arrange to have a notice published in a newspaper distributed locally. Quarterly meetings will be held at the Village of Palos Park Administration Building. The schedule was adopted on a motion made by Trustee Nogal, seconded by Trustee Adams. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Thielmann to adjourn into closed session at 7:39 p.m. concerning issues regarding personnel and contract negotiations. Trustee Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously on roll call vote.

RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING: The open meeting was reconvened at 7:58 p.m., on a motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Thielmann. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

President McCurrie reported discussion was held regarding the contract for the chief. Trustee Adams made a motion to amend the current chief's contract to add medical insurance coverage as provided to union members. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Thielmann, McCurrie, Nogal and Miller voted aye; motion carried. The chief will have the option to continue coverage beyond his employment with the stipulation that he will be personally responsible for the monthly health insurance premiums.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m., on a motion made by Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee Nogal. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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