

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: The July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie at Station #1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Mike McDonald, Deputy Chief Chris Courtney, Attorney Thomas Courtney, James Howard of Governmental Accounting, Inc., recording secretary Maxine Bell, Kevin Johnson of USGS and personnel of the Fire Department and their families.

At this time, President Kevin McCurrie asked for a Motion to Revise the Agenda in order for Chief McDonald to conduct a ceremony for outstanding service to a group of firefighters. Motion was made by Trustee Thielmann and seconded by Trustee Adams. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

Chief McDonald briefly explained that on July 5, 2019 on Rt. 83 & 86th Avenue a motorcycle accident took place. Station 2 arrived quickly on the scene and the crews worked efficiently and in an expeditious manner. Chief said that it was amazing work from all firefighters involved. All 10 firefighters were asked to come to the front and all were recognized and praised for saving someone's life because of their skill set knowledge and exceptional work ethics and a plaque was presented commemorating their action. These men were applauded by all present.

At this point in the meeting, Trustee McCurrie requested a Motion to Revise the Agenda in order to approve USGS installation of a rain gauge. A Motion to Revise the Agenda was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Nogal. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

Mr. Kevin Johnson, a hydrologist, from United States Geological Survey (USGS) requested from the Board of Trustees permission to install a rain gauge. He spoke about the gauge and explained that it accounts for all water that the United

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States is using and collecting scientific data. Discussion ensued. Questions were asked and answered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Motion was made by Trustee Miller to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting. This Motion was seconded by Trustee Thielmann. 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, property taxes and ambulance fees. Trustee McCurrie stated that the District had \$344,763.11 in payroll and \$194,161.37 in account payables. Trustee McCurrie asked for a Motion to Approve Treasurer's report, as presented. Motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Miller. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief McDonald informed the Trustees that SWCD continues to work on our computer/radio problems. He noticed no improvement whatsoever.

Chief next reported that Brian Vlcek remains off on workman's compensation for an injury he received during training evolution. Brian had surgery last week and is to begin therapy very soon. Brian is anticipated to return to work on the 22nd of July. Chief also mentioned that William Stukel is off on workman's compensation to remove hardware from a previous injury and should return to work in a couple of weeks.

Chief reported that 4 new part-timers were hired to bolster the part-time ranks.

Chief mentioned that the call report data was still unavailable due to change with the new CAD

Chief's next issue was stating that the Fire Protection District Rescue Task Force training with neighboring departments (both Police and Fire) was completed at Palos West School. It was a two-month endeavor and was very fruitful.

Chief McDonald informed trustees that part timer Navarro was given a verbal warning for sick day infraction.

Chief reported that he received several complaints from resident regarding training at home on 119th & Winslow. Grass was damaged by vehicle and subsequently repaired.

Chief stated that the Tactical Athletes' Program was launched. A couple successes; reconciling of workman's compensation situation.

OLD BUSINESS: A Budget presentation from James Howard was given. James stated that the District is having a surplus. Trustee McCurrie asked about contribution to Pension Fund. James responded and explained. He also explained issues of property taxes, interest, fire recovery, ambulance fees, etc. Trustee Miller made a Motion to Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget and Trustee Nogal seconded. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

The new engine was received. It is now at Station 2. The donor and his wife inspected the vehicle. Both of them were very impressed. The engine is not in service yet.

At this time, Trustee McCurrie asked for a Motion to Revise the Agenda in Old Business to Add the Geological Survey to install a rain gauge as presented by Kevin Johnson. The Motion was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Thielmann. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed. A Motion to Approve the Installation of a rain gauge by USGS was made by Trustee Thielmann and seconded by Trustee Miller. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief McDonald mentioned that the Palos Park Woman's Club made a \$300 donation to the Palos Fire Protection District. A letter was sent to them thanking them for this kind gesture.

CLOSED SESSION: A Motion was made to adjourn to Closed Session to Discuss issues concerning personnel, full and part-time negotiations and/or matters of possible litigation by Trustee Nogal and seconded by Trustee Adams. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:18 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The Board of Trustees meeting returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

A Motion was made to deny Nick Agostinelli's Placeba benefits by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Thielmann. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Trustee Miller to instruct Tom Courtney to write a letter to Joel Babbit and Jim Graben regarding VEBA. This motion was seconded by Trustee Adams. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

Trustee McCurrie stated that there was a conflict with having Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursdays. The first Tuesday of the month was agreed upon to schedule regular meetings except for the next month which will be August 13, 2019

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and the second Tuesday of each month thereafter. A Motion to Change the Regular Board of Trustees meeting to the first Tuesday of each month was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Adams. By a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Thielmann. On a roll call vote, the motion passed. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
