

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: The September 10th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 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, Kevin McCurrie, and Russell Miller responded as present. Trustees Thielmann and Nogal were not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Mike McDonald, Deputy Chief Chris Courtney, Attorney Courtney, Recording Secretary Maxine Bell and personnel of the Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Motion was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees, as written. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chief McDonald received a phone call from James Howard of Governmental Accounting, Inc. stating that he was very sorry but he double booked today and was still 45 minutes away. The Trustees decided to excuse James from today's meeting and told him to advise them further at October's meeting. Trustee McCurrie asked for a Motion to Approve Treasurer's report of today showing \$165,923.92 in payroll and \$314,156.60 in accounts payable and Motion was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Adams. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- A) Chief McDonald advised Trustees that a complaint was filed with SWCD regarding a dispatch error.
- B) Chief McDonald advised Trustees that training has been completed at the house at 119th & Winslow. Demolition has now begun on the house. The District thanks the homeowner for allowing PFPD to use his home. The training department met all of its goals. This training allowed all members to be placed in a scenario that was as close to actual fire conditions as possible. It allowed all officers to be evaluated in a command capacity. Overall, it was excellent training and was received well by all members. The firefighters did, however, suffer some injuries. Tim Schaller cut his finger which required stitches. He did not require any time off. Tom Foley injured

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his foot stepping out of the engine. He is off on workman's comp for four to six weeks. The Chief commended Brian and Tom who ran the drills for their outstanding efforts in this regard.

- C) The Chief made mention that the new engine 6333 has been placed in service. The engine has been loaded with equipment to serve in a fire and rescue capacity. This means it has equipment for auto accidents and other low frequency/high risk calls.
- D) Chief McDonald alerted the Trustees to a letter he received from Captain Adams regarding a water rescue that was very admirable to the firefighters that were involved.
- E) The PFPD will be attending 3 block parties this weekend which include Peace Church, Our Lady of the Woods and Suffield Woods.
- F) Finally, Chief McDonald made it known that in August, the PFPD responded to 256 requests for service.

OLD BUSINESS: The CBA Contract Update. Trustee McCurrie stated that the Union has not responded to our Lieutenant's testing request as of yet. This issue will have to be tabled to the Board of Trustee's next meeting.

Deputy Chief Chris Courtney stated that in regards to the VEBA issue for all the men, the people who made the presentation – IPPFA – the Board did approve.

The next issue up for discussion was the Opticom contract. Trustees discussed among themselves and Chief McDonald interjected that Mr. Tom Courtney tried to get other people to sign up for this. Chief stated that it would be catastrophic if we did not sign. That intersection is very busy and all equipment must be working. Trustee Adams made a Motion to Sign and Approve the Opticom contract. Trustee Miller seconded. By call of the roll, this Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION: A Motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Miller to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel issues, contracts, full and part-time negotiations and/or matters of possible litigation. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:05 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to open session at 7:38 pm and Trustee McCurrie made a Motion to approve Option B in a letter from a tax attorney the Board consulted stating that funds from Jim Graben's current VEBA be returned to the District and the District will pay any tax liability that is incurred by Jim Graben due to the fact that this issue was a mutual misunderstanding and Jim Graben can then put any amount of funds into a new VEBA once it is approved and organized. This motion was seconded by Trustee Adams. By call of the roll, the Motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M. on a Motion to Adjourn made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Miller. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2018.






