

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 3, 2014 REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m., November 3, 2014 by President Kevin McCurrie. The meeting was conducted at the Palos Park Village Hall, 8999 West 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 to approve minutes of the October 6, 2014 Trustee Meeting was made by Trustee Nogal, seconded by Trustee Adams. On call of the roll Trustees Nogal, Adams, Thielmann and McCurrie voted aye. Trustee Miller abstained. The motion carried on call of the roll.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Howard summarized the comprehensive financial report for the period ending September 30, 2014. Ambulance billings reflect a higher collection rate. The next significant installment for property taxes will be received in March, 2015. President McCurrie noted the following items are being presented to the Board for approval: \$294,780.96 for payroll and \$150,715.59 relative to accounts receivable and payables.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the financial report and authorize expenditures of \$445,496.55 as approved by Mr. Howard. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Miller, Thielmann, Adams, Nogal and McCurrie voted aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: There was none.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Station response times were summarized. There were 229 calls in October; 157 were for EMS services.

Over the weekend a missing person was reported by the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Approximately 75 to 80 people volunteered for search efforts. However, the individual has not been located thus far. Station #2 was opened to serve as a command post for the Sheriff's Department to assist them in their efforts.

Emergency pump repairs for Unit #6303 will be performed on November 6, at an estimated cost of \$6,500.00. Work was essential to assure the pump functions properly. The new pumper will not be delivered for about seven months. Units #6313 and 6123 have successfully passed the pump test.

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A meeting was held today with the four lieutenants who have elected to participate in the test for captain. Two other lieutenants declined the opportunity.

Station #2 Roof: In regard to the contractor who will be performing the work, three references have been received. The Village of Palos Park, Park District of Tinley Park, and a condo association have all reported they were very well and extremely satisfied with the roofing work performed.

Employee Injury: The injured lieutenant will probably be off duty until April or May. The temporary appointment to lieutenant is for 180 days. Additional action by the Board will be needed in the future to provide coverage for the position.

Station #2 weather siren: Repairs have been completed and the siren will be tested on November 4. A specific procedure has been developed to issue storm warnings to surrounding communities. The district has been paying \$572.00 annually for siren maintenance. The Village of Palos Park, Palos Heights Fire Protection District and City of Palos Heights also pay the same amount annually. The chief will discuss this matter with the Village of Palos Park. The trustees will be advised of further developments in this regard.

Ebola response procedures have been developed in accord with the Southwest EMS System. Protective equipment and mask testing has been performed in house.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Trustee Compensation: Trustees who have successfully completed initial training required and annual training will be compensated at the rate of 50% the original annual amount. Receipts for expenses are to be submitted in a timely fashion. Sixteen hours of training are required for those serving on the Pension Board to assure security of the fund. Continuing education provides the opportunity for Board members to keep abreast of new legislation and procedures. The next NIAFPD classes are scheduled for February 5-8, 2015 in Lombard. A motion was made by Trustee Miller to establish compensation for 2014 training to be made at the end of the fiscal year. Thereafter, one lump sum payment will be made on an annual basis. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.
- B) Ambulance loan: A motion was made by Trustee Adams to authorize payment of \$130,146.30 for the remaining balance on the Ambulance 6302 loan. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Miller, Thielmann, Nogal and McCurrie voted aye; motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- A) MABAS Contract Addendum: The addendum provides the district opportunity to seek compensation for services rendered. There are 67 MABAS divisions located in several states. A motion was made by Trustee Adams to adopt the MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM FIRST ADDENDUM TO MABAS MASTER AGREEMENT as presented. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.
- B) 2014 TAX LEVY ESTIMATE: Mr. Howard presented financial information relative to developing the tax levy for 2015. He noted this is a conservative estimate, and will review the situation with the township assessor. Discussion followed relative to the need to capture all new growth and secure monies due to the fire district. Mr. Courtney will prepare a resolution regarding the proposed levy for consideration of the board at the December meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the TAX LEVY ESTIMATE 2015 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT as recommended by Mr. Howard. Trustee Nogal seconded the motion. The amount of money that is necessary to be raised by taxation is \$6,362,647.00 including Corporate, Rescue and Ambulance purposes to be extended for 2014. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Nogal, Thielmann, Miller and McCurrie voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Miller to adjourn into closed session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously on roll call vote.

RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:50 p.m. There was no action taken by the board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:51 P.M., on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried on roll call vote.








