

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief James Graben, Attorney Thomas Courtney, James Howard of Governmental Accounting, Inc., Recording Secretary Maxine Bell and personnel of the Fire District.

A Motion was made by President McCurrie to amend the agenda for reappointment of himself and reorganization of the Board; on call of the roll, the Motion passed. Trustee Adams nominated Mr. McCurrie for President of the Board; Mr. Thielmann seconded; on call of the roll, President McCurrie was sworn in as President of the Board of Trustees. President McCurrie nominated Trustee Adams as Treasurer of the Board, Trustee Nogal seconded. On call of the roll, Trustee Adams was elected Treasurer of the Board of Trustees; Trustee Thielmann nominated Trustee Miller as Secretary of the Board; Trustee Adams seconded and by call of the roll, Trustee Miller was elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Motion was made by President McCurrie to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Board of Trustees; Motion was seconded by Trustee Adams and upon call of the roll, the Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: James Howard presented the Treasurer's Report. Revenue highlights: Payroll was \$143,749.92 and Account Payables - \$58,345.02. Mr. Howard went on to state that the Revenue, Expenditure and Fund Balance were looking good. Mr. Howard concluded his Treasurer's report and asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Trustee Adams made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Thielmann. The motion carried by a roll call vote. Trustee Adams noted that Chief Graben is doing a good job keeping expenditures down.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- A) The first issue the chief presented was that one employee with a knee injury returned to work after 10-11 months from his worker's comp injury. However, another employee is off work with an injury to his back lifting a patient. He is seeing doctor and waiting on independent medical review.
- B) Engine 6303 is our reserve engine, however, since we have it, we use it and the poly water tank was leaking. The engine is still under warranty and will be repaired. It has been out of order for about three weeks waiting for repair.
- C) Chief has been getting commentary about emergency radio communication. Chief spoke to Eric Queen, who is Station's radio man and he will speak to John from JNL Services to see if it would be feasible to see if there are things to do to improve our radio issues. The antennas are mismatched and are cutting out voice transmission. Eric is putting together a plan to resolve this issue. Research will be done regarding this issue and selling of old radios. Much discussion pursued among the Trustees and Chief Graben regarding this subject.
- D) Chief reported two more structure fires occurred in past two weeks. One was due to smoking material not put out and the second was from a ComEd meter. No injuries or damage to structure but owners had to be displaced.
- E) Chief stated that the District participated in the Village of Palos Park Fall Festival and parade and personnel was provided for the First Aid tent during the event. Chief stated that it was a good day and he thanked firefighters for partaking and taking care of the residents and also thanked Trustee Thielmann for doing the cooking of the ribs.
- F) The Chief solicited a comparison quote for the District's worker's compensation insurance carrier. The District's current carrier is Illinois Public Risk Fund. A second quote for coverage may save the District some future costs. Contract states that a letter must be sent 90 days prior to the end of the current contract if we had an opportunity to opt out. Chief did this and received a letter from IPRF thanking him for letter of discontinual. Chief will review with Mr. Courtney to see if new coverage can possibly save District some costs.
- G) The Final Eligibility List for position of Firefighter/Paramedic. List was attached to packet given to Trustees. Chief concluded his report and asked if Trustees had any questions. The list will be good until September, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: Lieutenant testing is underway. The District is contracting with Resource Management to provide services for the Lieutenant's exam. Twelve firefighters have shown interest to take Lieutenant's exam. Chief explained to Trustees the several steps needed to complete Lieutenant's exam. Discussion ensued. Process should be completed by middle of December.

NEW BUSINESS: President McCurrie made a Motion to Send Letter to Hire First Candidate on Eligibility List; Trustee Adams seconded. On a roll call vote, the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: President McCurrie asked Chief if a closed session was needed; chief concurred. A motion was made by President McCurrie and seconded by Trustee Miller to proceed to closed session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:39 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 8:29 p.m. President McCurrie mentioned the benefit being held for Joanne and gave date and location for those wanting to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Noyal. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on November 7, 2016.










