

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AUGUST 4, 2014 REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m., August 4, 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, Todd Thielmann, Kevin McCurrie and Rich Nogal responded as present. Trustee Gene Adams was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Patrick Gericke, Administrative Assistant JoAnn D'Altorio, CPA James Howard, Captain James Graben, Megent Financial Representative Thomas Burton, Recording Secretary Gladys Nash and members of the public and fire department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes of the July 7, 2014 trustee meeting was made by Trustee Thielmann, seconded by Trustee Miller. Trustee McCurrie cited a spelling error in the July 7, 2014 minutes. The minutes were subsequently approved on call of the roll.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Howard presented a summary statement of revenue and expenditures for the two months ended June 30, 2014. He noted an increase in receipts for ambulance fees is anticipated in the future. The major district expenses are primarily attributed to paid personnel, and health and liability insurance. Revenue from property tax receipts due August 1 will be reflected in the next report.

A motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the report and authorize expenditures of \$442,028.52 including \$323,257.81 in payroll and \$118,770.71 for accounts receivable and payable. Trustee Nogal seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Miller, Nogal, Thielmann and McCurrie voted aye; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: There was none.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Incident Activity: A written spread sheet for both stations reflected numbers are consistent, with an exceptional average. Responding to a question from Trustee Nogal, the chief noted survey reports have been received and will be reviewed in the future.

Firefighter Testing is scheduled for August 8 and 9. A total of 35 applications were distributed.

Station #2 Roof: The rebidding process for the Station #2 roof will be forthcoming.

Stretcher Replacements: Old units have exceeded their useful life and replacement with Stryker Power Assisted Cots is recommended. The cots utilize battery power and hydraulics to lift patients from the

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ground to transport height; capable of carrying loads of 750 pounds as compared to older units with a 500 pound capacity. Our Grant application through IPRF's Helping Hands Program has been approved in the amount of \$22,122.99. The Capital Budget includes \$39,000.00 for the purchase. Under the IPRF Grant, only the Stryker Cot is eligible. The district has a stair cot for persons being carried down to street level, and would then be transferred to the Stryker Cot. New procedures will be developed for patient care. This item will be placed on the next agenda for consideration and possible approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Engine: Captain Graben reported the committee has met several times and is working on specifications, developing a final recommendation for purchase by the district. Committee members have visited several departments, spoken with personnel operating equipment, and attending conferences. The recommendation is to purchase a basic unit with a four-man cab from Pierce. It will take approximately eleven months from contract signing to point of delivery. Monies saved from making a trip to Florida to review another type unit will be applied to the purchase price for a Pump-Under-Cab. Final specifications will be presented to the board as quickly as possible. On-site inspection will be conducted at the manufacturing plant in Wisconsin prior to delivery. Availability of parts and service has been a major consideration. The chief noted everything on the proposed unit is electrical.

Ordinance for Recovery Costs for Water Rescue Incidents: Was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Renewal: Megent representative Tom Burton presented renewal options for the plan year beginning October 1, 2014. He noted the last year has seen many changes in health insurance regulations, with additional changes anticipated in the future. The PPO plan has a deductible of \$2,500.00 for employees without dependents and \$5,000.00 for those with dependents. Envision Healthcare continues to serve as a third party administrator to track and process prescription drug debit cards and health plan deductibles. The Affordable Care Act has caused changes in available health plan options. The Act mandates all employees, spouses and children over age twenty to be rated individually based upon their attained ages. Mr. Burton noted the claims experience has seen a reduction. Rule changes will continue to be monitored to determine district options for future years. Motion to authorize renewal of Plan G512PPO as presented was made by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Thielmann; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m., on motion made by Trustee Thielmann, seconded by Trustee Miller; same carried unanimously.

Ken Thielmann
Rob Miller
Gene Adams

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Richard J. Nozal