

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Kevin McCurrie led in the Pledge of Allegiance. After this, President McCurrie asked for a moment of silence to remember Chief Monfries.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Nogal to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, as written. 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. James went on to explain a little about deficits, miscellaneous expenses, property taxes, loan proceeds, etc. President McCurrie stated that the district had \$265,146.89 in payroll and \$110,661.20 in account payables and Trustee Nogal made a Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Adams. On a roll call vote, the Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- A) Chief stated that the last month has been pretty quiet. He updated the Trustees on the condition of the one employee with the knee injury. The employee continues to be off on worker's comp, he is in therapy and worker's comp is working with Chief and Mr. Courtney. Employee is complying with worker's comp. The second employee with back injury is not on worker's comp; had surgery and is recovering and hopes to be back at work. Discussion ensued as to PEDDA benefits with trustees and Mr. Courtney regarding legal aspects.
- B) Chief touched on training with Target Solutions; it is very successful at this point. Benefits obtained from this training would include structure training, calendar and improved record keeping.
- C) Lieutenants promotional list was posted on January 29, 2017. It has a validation period of three years.

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- D) There are nine firefighters on the list; those firefighters will be able to act as acting officers when needed.
- E) New health insurance is now in effect and District will see some significant savings soon and reduction in premiums will be about \$15,000.
- F) Trustee Nogal commented on the actions of the District's firefighters when his wife recently fell and hit her head at a local establishment. He stated that the care and consideration that she received was commendable and it was a very professional group that worked with her and he was very proud of them.

OLD BUSINESS: Chief stated that last month he mentioned the possibility of an awards dinner, but stated that was a bit premature and was going to be postponed for a while.

Chief mentioned the 2016 grant we received from Illinois Public Risk Fund was put in an account to purchase power loads. Company will come here to train all the right people on this equipment.

Last Sunday, members of the ambulance committee drove out to Columbus, OH and did a pre-delivery inspection. They came back with a three-page deficiency report. Majority of deficiencies were paint issues. Delivery will be delayed until middle of March.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee McCurrie stated he would like to discuss new business in closed session and asked that Mike McDonald stay for that.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee McCurrie and seconded by Trustee Adams to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel issues, contract negotiations and/or matters of possible litigation. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:04 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 8:15 P.M. Trustee Adams made a Motion to Accept Mike McDonald's Deputy Chief's contract as presented. Mr. Nogal seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. All present then congratulated and applauded Mike McDonald on his promotion. President McCurrie made a Motion to Amend Deputy Chief McDonald's contract to make it effective March 1, 2017; Trustee Adams seconded. On a roll call vote, the Motion carried. At this point, Mike McDonald spoke a few words and thanked all the trustees and stated that he would try to do his very best in this new position.

President McCurrie then made a Motion to approve the hiring of one firefighter to fill a vacant spot. Trustee Miller seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. on a motion made by Trustee McCurrie and seconded by Trustee Nogal. The motion carried by a roll call vote. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017.








