

**MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

Present: President William Haas, Secretary Robert Hennessy, Treasurer Ken Blank, Trustee Kenneth Lenz, Trustee Craig Warning, Chief Howard Stephens, Assistant Chief/Deputy Administrator Joe Cirelli, Assistant Chief Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Nancy Feigel

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Bob Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Closed Session Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$322,811.75 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes. Included in the bills is \$200,000 for a Pension contribution.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Blank appreciates all those that helped out with the Firefighter Appreciation Day at the Mokena Elementary School's Spirit Day. He also publicly thanked Lt. Wishba and the Orland Park FPD for allowing us to use the Sparky costume that day.

Trustee Hennessy congratulated all those involved in the accreditation process and in being awarded accredited agency status for the fourth time. This is a tremendous accomplishment for the District.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

All the Trustees have filed their Economic Interest Statements with the County Clerk.

The budget will be presented at the May 9 Trustee meeting.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Ambulance 94 had new rear brakes installed due to a malfunctioning rear caliper.

Station 3 apparatus floor drains were clogged; Bruns Septic Service came out and serviced the drains and also cleaned the triple basins.

The water heater at Station 1 was replaced due to leaking. There was also a water pipe leaking at Station 2 that has been repaired.

Privacy curtains have been installed in the doorway of each individual bunk in the bunk room at all three stations.

The rear axle that we ordered for the new ambulance is no longer available. Northwest Freightliner is suggesting a larger L-series axle. We are still looking into options for this issue.

We have received the energy saving products from Savings through Efficient Products (STEP). Thank you to FF Mike Hullinger who is in the process of installing these items.

The Board reviewed the POC ride-along report for the month of March.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

The accreditation hearing was held on March 21 in Anaheim, California, where the MFPD was awarded accredited agency status. There are approximately 240 accredited agencies in the world, 12 which are in Illinois. Of these 12, only three are also ISO class 1.

A Laraway executive board meeting will be held on April 25 and a Laraway G31 meeting will be held on April 27. If any of the Trustees plan on attending either of these, please let A/C Cirelli know.

At the March Trustee meeting, we discussed the importance of protecting our responders from violence. On March 31, a firefighter was shot in a St. Louis suburb; he was seriously injured, as his helmet provided a margin of protection.

The Trustees reviewed the March code enforcement reports and public education surveys.

The Board approved the following class requests:

Ryan Bennett	Incident Safety Officer
Marcie Hoag	PALS
Jim Cresto	Company Officer Academy

Congratulations to the following personnel who received certificates this month for State Certified Classes:

Mike Dreger	Vehicle & Machinery Technician
Stewart Romadka	Instructor II
Stewart Romadka	Fire Officer II
Stewart Romadka	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer

CHIEF'S REPORT

The FY2017 ambulance billing data was reviewed.

The Will County tax rate calculation worksheet for the 2017-2018 fiscal year has been received. Our EAV went up 19.3 million; the District will gain an additional \$64,500 in funds and the Pension an additional \$40,000.

The District has received a completed "Request for Financial Assistance". Based on the information received, the request will be granted.

As we have previously discussed, the Village of Orland Park has a proposed subdivision which resides primarily within the Mokena FPD. There have been some recent delays with this proposal as well as some communication issues. We are working with the Orland FPD to meet with the Village of Orland Park to discuss and address these issues.

There was no objection from the Trustees to install a rain shelter above the patio at Station 3.

We have been approached by the Mokena Lions Club to partner with them for a "Weenies and Whistles" event on Saturday, June 10, at the Whitmore Ace Hardware in Mokena. The Trustees agreed to put our 100 year anniversary logo on the whistle that will be handed out and supply an engine or antique during the event, but prefer to not have our logo on the promotional handout. The cost for the District will be \$300, which covers adding our logo to the whistle.

Thank you to the Mokena Lions Club for producing business-size cards promoting our combined Pancake Breakfast/Open House.

Letters received this month:

- A letter was received from the Mokena Woman's Club congratulating us on our 100 year anniversary and enclosed a check to cover the cost of three 100 year anniversary flags.
- A thank you letter was received from Debi Blank, a kindergarten teacher at MES, for allowing her to be Sparky at the Mokena Fire Spirit Day at their school.
- A congratulatory letter was received from the Illinois State Fire Marshal for the MFPD being designated an ISO Class 1.
- A letter from Naplate Fire Department was received thanking us for the donation of a new US flag after theirs was ruined after a recent tornado. They also commended Lt. Tom Hug for his efforts in bringing this to our attention.
- A letter from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International was received congratulating us on becoming an internationally accredited fire agency.

Newspaper articles this month:

- Articles featuring the Mokena FPD attending Dr. Julian Rogus School's third quarter PBIS were in the Frankfort Station newspaper and the Rogus Weekly Reporter.

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for March.

Eleven Customer Satisfaction Surveys received in the past month were shared with the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Bob Hennessy made a motion at 7:45 PM, seconded by Ken Lenz, to enter into Closed Session to review the Administrative Assistant Benefit Packages and review Local 4270 benefits proposal. Motion passed with all ayes.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:58 PM.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM after a motion by Bob Hennessy.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary:
Nancy Feigel