

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING – JUNE 1, 2015

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF

THE PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF COOK,

STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2015

AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing regarding the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Palos Fire Protection District in the County of Cook, State of Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2015 and Ending April 30, 2016 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM: A motion was made by Trustee Adams to appoint Trustee Nogal as President Pro-Tem for this hearing. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion; same carried unanimously on roll call vote.

ROLL CALL: On call of the roll Trustees Gene Adams, Todd Thielmann and Richard Nogal responded as present. Trustee Russell Miller joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Trustee Kevin McCurrie was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Patrick Gericke, Administrative Assistant JoAnn D'Altorio, Attorney Thomas Courtney, Jr., CPA James Howard, Recording Secretary Gladys Nash, and members of the fire department.

President Nogal noted the purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget and Appropriation for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016. Mr. Howard presented a recap of revenues, operating expenditures, paid personnel costs, and debt service and capital funds. Revenue distribution was also highlighted. Property taxes provided the main source of revenue at 88.4%. We have increased the amount for the tort fund which allows us to appropriate a portion of salaries for administrative personnel. We exercised great care to obtain everything we are allowed to collect. Capital expenditures included a deputy chief vehicle \$5,500.00, extrication equipment \$28,000.00, turnout gear \$68,000.00 and cardiac monitors \$88,000.00. Chief Gericke noted the balance of \$125,315.00 for Ambulance 6303 was paid in full in November, and the new engine will be paid off over a period of five years at \$91,051.00 per year. Repair and maintenance of the sirens is still unresolved. There is not a lot of documentation available. Palos paid \$3,000.00 for siren repairs last year. The other large item was purchase of cardiac equipment for the new ambulance. New heart monitors and ambulance stretchers have been received and paid for in

full. Trustee Thielmann asked if contributions had been solicited from the elder care facilities in the district. Captain James Graben advised the district had an agreement with Peace Memorial for contributions which ended when the facility was placed on the real estate rolls. Individual units at Peace are privately owned and real estate taxes are assessed. Mr. Howard noted costs for health insurance last year were \$11,000.00 lower based on usage. Over all the district is in a good financial position. Chief Gericke noted the health insurance plan is more effective and costs are down. From the management standpoint more responsibility is put on the employee. We work this through with a representative who has been a good resource. Envision manages the deductibles. Employees have debit cards for their prescription needs and there is no co-pay required. Meetings were held with the union regarding contract changes. The health insurance renewal date is October 1. Trustee Miller joined the meeting at this time.

There being no further comments, Trustee Adams moved to adjourn the public hearing. Trustee Thielmann seconded the motion which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

President Nogal noted there would be a brief recess before call the regular meeting to order.








