

PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – March 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by President Kevin McCurrie. The meeting was conducted at 8815 West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief James Graben, Administrative Assistant JoAnn D’Altorio, Attorney Thomas Courtney, Sr., CPA James Howard, Honored members of the fire department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 1, 2016 Regular Trustee Meeting were approved as presented on a motion made by Trustee Nogal, seconded by Trustee Miller. On call of the roll Trustees Nogal, Adams, McCurrie, Thielmann and Miller, motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Howard presented the financial analysis for nine months ended January 31, 2016. REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS: Property taxes collected were \$2,637,829. or 48.6% of budget (1<sup>st</sup> major installment). Ambulance fees collected \$496,229. or 86.2% of budget. Personal Property Taxes – collected \$15,657.00. or 104.4% of budget. EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS: Operating expenditures were \$4,170,570. or 68.3% of budget. Paid Personnel - \$3,009,902. or 71.9% of budget. Debt Service and Capital Expenditures - \$328,984. or 80.5% of budget. Turnout Gear payment - \$67,532.00, Cardiac Monitors payment - \$64,000, Engine 6303 Debt Pmt= \$85,864 (1 of 5), Truck 6304 Debt Pmt= \$91,052 (2 of 10).

President McCurrie presented the following for approval and payment: Payroll \$287,676.84 and Accounts Payable \$149,492.80. There being no discussion a motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve expenditures totaling \$437,169.64. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Nogal, McCurrie, Miller and Thielman voted aye; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF’S REPORT: The average response time to emergency calls is acceptable; under four minutes is a good number. Mike Vallas is currently on Workman’s Comp under PEDDA, had surgery at the end of January,

The updating of the classroom is now complete, with the new televisions, computers, and other training equipment, which was paid for thru the Foreign Fire Fund.

February 21, 2016 Received a nice letter from Capt Rath regarding a dog rescue for his shift, a copy to all fireman on shift to personal file.

February 28, 2016, we had an accident with the truck, getting backed into station, damage was done to the ladders that will now need to be replaced. A accident report and insurance report have been filed out. We will be having re-training and new procedures for backing up rigs into the station.

OLD BUSINESS: New Ambulance

Bids were accepted until 3:00pm today March 7, 2016, we received two bids, one (1) from Foster Coach and the other one (1) from Fire Service. Foster Coach came in at \$210,569.00 and Fire Service came in at \$222,297.00. There being no discussion a motion was made by Trustee Adams to approve the purchase of a new ambulance from Foster Coach. Trustee Nogal seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Nogal, McCurrie, Miller and Thielman voted aye; motion carried unanimously the Chief was given the go ahead to order.

James stated we are still waiting to hear about the interest free loan for \$100,000.00 that can be paid back within 10 years from the Fire Marshalls office, we have all of the paperwork in. The service record with Foster Coach is excellent.

SOG will be a work in progress and take about 2 years to fully complete.

ISO is scheduled for March 9, 2016, we are finishing up with the prep work for the audit Wednesday.

New Vehicle Purchase: to replace explorer,

New Tahoe, Currie Motors \$39,800.00 (government bid), There being no discussion a motion was made by Trustee Miller to approve the purchase of a new car for the chief. Trustee Nogal seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Nogal, McCurrie, Miller and Thielman voted aye; motion carried unanimously the Chief was given the go ahead to order from Currie Motors. The current chiefs car will go to the deputy chief, we have it in the budget for the current year (2014-2015) so we can't wait much longer.

Contract Negotiations:

Negotiation for the new contract will start in March, President McCurrie would like to meet on Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

Commissioners:

Bob Stevens term is up May 2016, Commissioner Stevens presented the Board with a letter asking to stay on for another term. There being no discussion a motion was made by Trustee Miller to approve the request from Commissioner Stevens. Trustee Adams seconded the motion. On call of the roll Trustees Adams, Nogal, McCurrie, Miller and Thielman voted aye; motion carried unanimously.

Budget:

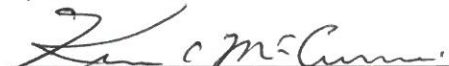
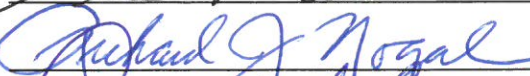

We will begin working on the budget for 2016-2017,



Misc:

Plaque for Chief Gericke will be ordered

CLOSED SESSION: We had nothing for closed session tonight.

ADJOURNEMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M. on a motion made by Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee Thielman. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

  
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