

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie at Station #1, 8815 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Kevin McCurrie led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** On call of the roll, Trustees Kevin McCurrie, Russell Miller and Richard Nogal responded as present. Trustee Todd Thielmann arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Trustee Gene Adams arrived at 6:40 p.m.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chief James Graben, Deputy Chief Mike McDonald, Attorney Thomas Courtney, James Howard of Governmental Accounting, Inc., Recording Secretary Maxine Bell and personnel of the Fire Department.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A Motion was made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Nogal to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 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. Trustee McCurrie stated that the District had \$322,373.17 in payroll and \$289,367.74 in account payables. The Chief and Trustees gave their recommendations for obtaining a higher interest rate on the District's funds. Discussion ensued. Trustee Thielmann questioned the \$13,000 repair bill for the 1998 6323 engine with 107,000 miles. Chief stated that this rig will service the District for a while now that this overhaul is complete. Trustee McCurrie asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented. Motion was approved by Trustee Nogal and seconded by Trustee Miller. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- A) Chief summarized the issue of having one employee out on worker's comp. This employee is currently completing a work-conditioning program as prescribed by his physician. He has yet to complete a function capacity evaluation approved by worker's comp. After that, his condition will be evaluated in regards to returning to work.

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- B) Chief mentioned that he had 7 employees partake in a Rescue Task Force Training Class. This class is grant-funded so there was no cost for tuition to train the candidates on techniques to render immediate care to victims. Deputy Chief McDonald has spearheaded this class and has been networking with Orland Park Police, North Palos Fire and Orland Park School District 230 to get everyone on the same page. The District is getting some great buy-in from firefighters and we will host it for our own employees and offer to some employees at North Palos and hope to get more people involved. Chief mentioned that the District's main concern was Carl Sandburg High School. Chief mentioned that he hoped the School Board members will see the value of these classes and become involved. Chief commended these men for their great efforts in this endeavor.
- C) Chief mentioned that Captain Hranicka, Brian Vlcek and Matt Zanta approached the Chief in regards to working on building a gear storage area here at Station 1. This area will be an important enhancement for the storage of our fire gear. The windows have been tinted to keep out UV rays and new lighting will be put in. All of our fire gear racks will be put in this room to increase the lifespan of our protective equipment.
- D) Chief mentioned that last month the Trustees approved the purchase of a new Shift Commander vehicle. This vehicle has been ordered and Captain Rath has been spearheading this purchase and working with vendors to install lighting and radio once we get the vehicle in eight to twelve weeks. The 2000 Ford Explorer has been stripped and advertised to our members for \$750. If put on lot to the public the price will be \$1700.
- E) Chief mentioned that the District has applied for a Grant from our worker's comp carrier, IPRF. The amount the District would be receiving is \$19,441 and those funds should arrive sometime in the middle of June. We must apply for these funds every year and it is based on IPRF's profits at year end. IPRF then shares these profits back to their constituents. We are looking to spend these funds on policy and procedure rewriting with Lexipool. In doing so, the District will benefit by getting a discount for the annual premium from IPRF.
- F) Lastly, Chief mentioned that he just got Fire Recovery numbers today and for this year claims totaled approximately \$5400. The District received just over \$1000 in March.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

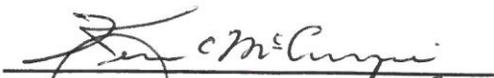
**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Nogal and seconded by Trustee Thielmann to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation.

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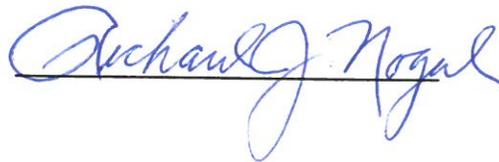
On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:30 P.M.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** The meeting returned to open session at 6:41 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M. on a motion made by Trustee Miller and seconded by Trustee Adams. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 7, 2018.

  
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