

**PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007 - 7:00 PM.
FIRE STATION #1, 1970 PLAINFIELD ROAD
LAGRANGE HIGHLANDS, IL 60525**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Kubicki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Kubicki – Aye

Smith – Aye

Gay- Aye

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

III. MOTION TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Smith moved to accept the minutes of June 2007. Trustee Gay seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki – Aye

Smith – Aye

Gay– Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. MOTION TO ACCEPT WARRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Trustee Gay moved to accept the warrants and disbursements. Trustee Smith seconded.

Roll Call

Trustee Kubicki – Aye

Trustee Smith – Aye

Trustee Gay – Aye

All ayes – Motion carried.

V. MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's reports. Trustee Kubicki seconded.

Roll Call

Trustee Kubicki – Aye

Trustee Smith – Aye

Trustee Gay – Aye

All ayes – Motion carried.

VI. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Broida reported on the following:

1. No new development of tax situation
2. Appropriation ordinance is due in September

VIII. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hermes reported on the following:

1. On October 23, 2007, he will be installed as the President Illinois Fire Chiefs Association in Peoria. Please let Chief know if you wish to make your room reservations.
2. Correspondence about retiree health insurance was distributed to all Board members. Chief recapped the proposal. Some members who left the department on either retirement or disability wish to be reinstated on the health insurance policy at their own expense. Our agent, Joel Babbitt has received approval from Blue Cross, Blue Shield for this proposal, but consideration for board approval is needed. This will be at their expense; however, the only downside to this approval would be including this retirees/disability experience with the overall health plan. Premiums would be affected by this addition of new members. Consideration under new business for this plan is requested.
3. Another proposal for laser surgery under our vision plan was included in your packets. The current \$200 per member per year for lenses and frames would be considered for this plan. The proposal is to allow a person to forgo the \$200.00 deductible for three years to put towards the surgery. Trustee Kubicki

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questioned whether this would have to go back to the union. Chief indicated this would not as it is an enhancement and only an elected benefit if a member wanted to elect the surgery. If the board is agreeable, the concept needs to be worked out and we will move forward. Final agreements will be drawn up after the board approval. The concept is cost neutral if they give up the benefit for 3 years. Chief requested any discussion.

4. New station report – The construction is moving along, with the tile is almost done along with the painting, cabinets and woodwork. The electrician is done and they will be pouring the concrete pad in front tomorrow and the front apron later. It is looking good. Trustee Kubicki asked if they fixed the hole in the riser. Chief indicated it would not create any problems in the future as it was in the riser. The Dedication Ceremony is moving along and anyone wishing to speak please provide the Chief will names. The preliminary agenda is being worked on and invitations to all will be forthcoming. Chief talked to Barb Kossak and they are excited about the fitness center dedication. There will be refreshments. Trustee Kubicki stated Chief might want to contact ODM across the street for parking.

3. Current proposal for Gear washer will be scrapped, as it needs 12 inches of concrete so will need to look at a unit that requires only 6 inches of concrete and it will be substantially cheaper.

4. FF/PM Ken Brucki was injured at drill and he will be out for at least six months, as they need to reconstruct his tendons.

5. Chief asked for consideration for the Resolution for the DuPage County Emergency telephone system. The board has committed the funds to build a stand-alone dispatch center in DuPage County and ask for those who are serious to pass a resolution to give them the green light to go ahead.

6. There is one addition to new business.

IV. FIRE COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The commission had no report.

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to extend to health insurance to retiree and disability pension members.

Trustee Kubicki moved to extend the health insurance benefit at the retiree's or disabled member's expense.

Trustee Smith seconded.

Roll Call – Kubicki – Aye; Gay –Abstain, Smith – Aye

Consideration for laser surgery option. Chief requested verbal approval to move forward with this proposal and he will have the language ready for next month's meeting. All members agreed to proceed with the language.

Chief reminded the Board he will be in Springfield for the August meeting.

Consideration to adopt dispatch resolution Trustee Gay moved to adopt Resolution 07-R-2 Kubicki seconded.

Roll Call – Kubicki – Aye; Gay –Aye, Smith – Aye

All ayes.

Trustee Gay moved to transfer \$400,000 from the capital replacement line item to the construction fund for continued expenses of the new station.

Trustee Kubicki seconded.

Roll Call – Kubicki – Aye; Gay –Aye, Smith – Aye

All ayes.

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Trustee Kubicki informed the Board that he has met on Monday afternoon with Village of Hodgkins about the TIF project and a new TIF #2, which is 12 acres on the corner of 67th & LaGrange Rd, west of Certified Grocers. The west side is LaGrange Road, the north side is 67th Street, the east side is Weeping Willow Road and the south side is Burner road. We agreed to go ahead with the TIF as the property is owned by the Village of Hodgkins and a car dealer will be moving on the property. The car dealer does not have enough funds to do this so they are going to float a 12 million dollar TIF fund, with 9 million dollars to get the property ready. There is no tax money now as it is tax exempt, but when it goes back on the tax rolls, there will be an increase in taxes to all districts involved. The property is valued at \$500,000 now and when it is completed, it will worth 4.5 million dollars. It is scheduled for 23 years and paid off in possibly 10 years.

What the Village of Hodgkin does is that any TIF revenue over and above is paid out to the districts. The number one selling automobile dealer in the US is moving from one town to another. Pleasantview must be on board, along with the park district, township and school district and if anyone objects, it must be within 30 days. Trustee Kubicki sees no negatives and LaGrange Road will be restructured in the process .August 20, 2007 there will be a public hearing and if there are no objections, they will proceed with the new TIF. This is informational only.

Michael Herbert – Chief Hermes talked about the promotion process and presented Michael Herbert with his new badge as Lieutenant. Congratulations from all Board members.

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE.

None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move to executive session to discuss real estate.

Trustee Gay moved and Trustee Smith seconded.

Roll Call – Kubicki – Aye; Gay – Aye, Smith - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM to executive session to discuss real estate.

Trustee Smith moved to re-adjourn the regular meeting at 7:49PM

Roll Call – Kubicki – Aye; Gay – Aye, Smith - Aye

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Smith moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Trustee Kubicki seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Roll Call – Kubicki – Aye; Gay – Aye, Smith - Aye

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

**RONALD P. KUBICKI
PRESIDENT**

**FRANK SMITH
TRUSTEE**

**JAMES F. GAY
SECRETARY**

