

PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 - 7:00PM
FIRE STATION #1, 1970 PLAINFIELD ROAD
LAGRANGE HIGHLANDS, IL 60525

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

Trustee Kubicki requested a moment of silence for the fallen victims of September 11.

II. Public Hearing.

Open meeting for the public - Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. Notice published and public has a right to make comment concerning the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

No comments

III ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

IV. MOTION TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES.

Trustee Smith moved to accept the minutes of August 13, 2007 with one correction to Trustee Gay's name in the signature portion of the minutes. Trustee Gay seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

V. MOTION TO ACCEPT WARRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

VI. MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Gay seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All Ayes. Motion carried

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Broida informed the Board of the following:

1. Notification has been received concerning the status hearing on the tax exemption case. This relates to the 2005 real estate taxes for Lenzi Avenue, Station #3.

2. The closing on old Station #3 will be soon. The survey is forthcoming and the title report is in hand and is clear. The anticipated closing will be short and should be within the next couple of weeks.
3. The outstanding fuel agreement with the District, the Village of Hodgkins and the Hodgkins Park District has been approved by the Village and the District needs a motion to formally approve the Agreement.

VIII. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hermes reported on the following:

1. The Station #3 dedication took place over weekend. Chief will be finalizing the punch list and the contractors will be closing up shop by the end of the week. The firefighters will be moving in next week after AT&T transfers their equipment. The new furniture will be delivered in the next couple of weeks and office furniture in three weeks. The Lazy Boy chairs delivery will be in 4 weeks.
2. Old station # 3 - The concrete pad over the fuel tanks is sunken in and cracked. It was on the agenda to replace it next year. However, the Mayor of Hodgkins wishes us to expedite it before we sell the station to them. Hopefully, we will be able to find the funds to complete the concrete over the fuel tanks. This will be a shared cost with the Village of Hodgkins. FGM will draw up specifications and it will going out for bid. We will cooperate with the fuel supplier in regarding to venting.
3. VEMA Plan Trust rules have changed. The new rules require setting up classes of individuals for their contribution, which cannot be changed for lifetime of that class. Each class of persons must elect how much money they will put into the plan. Joel Babbitt will be providing information on these changes to the employees. The changes need to be in place by January 1, 2008. The new plan should be presented at the next meeting for adoption.
4. This item was not on the agenda. Chief informed the Board he will be on Channel 2 nightly news at 10:00 PM on Thursday. The topic is fire hydrant maintenance and lack thereof. Lisle Woodridge Fire was investigated after a recent fire. Through FOIA and water system records, it was discovered there were severe flow test results or no flow testing at all for majority of the 80 or so municipalities investigated.
5. Another item not on the agenda. Mayor Conrad from Countryside has requested that we turn over Station #4 to them when we vacate the station. They need a day care facility due to a mold problem at their current location. Chief's anticipation is to move forward and meet with them publicly. Trustee Kubicki asked Attorney Broida to return the station back to Countryside through a quitclaim deed. Attorney Broida stated a meeting needs to be set up and he states passing of deed is enough. Trustee Gay asked if we should record it. Broida stated it is not necessary, however, the City of Countryside may wish to record the deed. Attorney Broida indicated all of the district's removable assets should be taken before this transfer. Trustee Gay asked about repeater system and Chief stated the repeater system was not at Station #4.

VIII. FIRE COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Gay moved to adopt the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2007-2008. Trustee Smith seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

Motion carried.

Trustee Kubicki moved to approve the fund transfer of \$200,000 from Capital Expenditure line item to the Construction Fund. Trustee Gay seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Gay moved to approve the Virchow Krause engagement letter for audit services for \$45,150.00. Trustee Smith seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the fuel agreement with Village of Hodgkins, Hodgkins Park District and Pleasantview, with the stipulation that we control the fuel and will continue to process the billing; however, the Village will own the fuel tanks and station.

Trustee Gay seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Abstain

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kubicki informed the Board of the following legislative issues:

The Governor signed a revised Open Meeting Act in relation to five member boards. The Act allows for two members of a five-member board to speak to another without it being a violation of the Act. Three members of a five-member board will constitute a quorum.

The Governor's is reluctant to sign bill 644. This is holding up the 2nd installment of Cook County real estate taxes. There is some indication that the 2nd installments will not be going out until end of the year or first part of 2008. Taxes cannot be figured until this bill is settled. If that is the case, the District will most likely need to procure Tax Anticipation Warrants until we receive our taxes. The rates on these are usually very low.

Trustee Gay moved to approve the deed transfer of Station #4 to the City of Countryside. Trustee Kubicki seconded.

Roll Call

Kubicki - Aye

Smith - Aye

Gay - Aye

All ayes. Motion carried.

XI. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Smith motioned to adjourn meeting. Trustee Gay seconded. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Roll Call

Trustee Kubicki - Aye

Trustee Smith - Aye

Trustee Gay - Aye

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

RONALD P. KUBICKI
PRESIDENT

FRANK SMITH
TRUSTEE

JAMES GAY
SECRETARY