



TRI-STATE

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF

THE TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD 01, MARCH 2017

AT DISTRICT #3.

The meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by Trustee Habercoss. On roll call: Trustee Habercoss, Trustee Wolski, Trustee Jewell, Chief Niemeyer, Deputy Chief Brenn, Attorney Wargo and Adm. Asst. Radek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES

Trustee Jewell presented the minutes from January 16, 2016. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved 3-0-0. Trustee Habercoss asked that all recent unreleased closed session minutes be brought to the next meeting for the board to review.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Wolski presented the January 2017 Treasurer's Report. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the January 2017 Treasurer's Report, Trustee Jewell seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Jewell – Aye, Wolski – Aye. 3-0-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Brenn presented Resolution 17-R-002 – A Resolution Authorizing the Sale, Donation or Disposal of Surplus Property of the Tri-State Fire Protection District. Deputy Chief Brenn explained that the items are old electronics to be recycled. Our IT Department deemed them unusable due to the advancement of current technology. The recycle company provides certificates verifying that all hard drives are removed and erased. Trustee Jewell made a motion to approve Resolution 17-R-002, Trustee

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NEW BUSINESS cont.

Habercoss seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Jewell – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 3-0-0.

The Board was presented with Resolution 17-R-003, A Resolution Authorizing the President and the Secretary of the Tri-State Fire Protection District to execute a certain Intergovernmental Agreement with the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) of DuPage County for the payment of certain expenses relating to the District's Consolidated Dispatch obligation. Once the Resolution is signed off by all parties, Tri-State FPD will be reimbursed \$200,000.00 for their part in the county wide consolidation program. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-R-003, Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Jewell – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 3-0-0.

- IV. COMMUNICATIONS – The E911 Board has dissolved, and all funds have been disseminated. The funds were monies received from Burr Ridge residents land line phone bills.

Trustee Habercoss has been in discussions with the Darien Police requesting any information available to turn over to the DuPage County State's Attorney. Trustee Habercoss reassured the Darien Police that the tapes in question have never been in possession of the current board.

V. COMMISSIONERS

Chief Niemeyer updated the Board in the absence of the Commissioners that the 2 possible candidates have completed their background checks and one has decided to accept employment elsewhere.

On February 17, 26 year veteran James Decho and 19 year veteran Kevin Arias were promoted to Lieutenant. These gentlemen filled the two Lieutenant vacancies. Bids have gone out for the vacated driving spots.

Michael Paruolo has completed his probationary year. Congratulations FF Paruolo.

VI. CHIEF'S REPORT

Discussions were held regarding Secondary employment of our current employees. The Trustees feel more discussion is necessary. Trustee Habercoss questioned whether or not

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CHIEF'S REPORT cont.

The Chiefs would gear up at a fire and enter a burning building if the situation arose putting them in danger.

ACDC is now handling Westmont. The first day went by smoothly.

We are starting the first phase of our new annual physicals. So far we have had high praise for the process.

Individual budgets are being created.

New SCBA equipment was delivered and everyone will be receiving training. We are currently waiting on bottle labels.

We are creating a checklist for posting Trustee meetings/cancellations and the rescheduling of meetings and whose responsibility is it to complete each task.

Two Trustees and the chiefs all attended the NIAFPD conference.

The new Command Car will be delivered in April.

The insurance committee has met with its 4th vendor.

VII. ATTORNEY

Discussions to be held in Closed Session

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:55 PM Trustee Habercoss made a motion to close the regular meeting and go into closed session to discuss employees compensation and pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolski and with a roll call vote the motion carried 3-0-0. The 3 trustees, Chief Dan Niemeyer and attorney Jim Wargo were in attendance.

PENDING LITIGATION:

Tax rate objections are being researched by OBKCG&D. Jim will update the Board as needed.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION:

The Board and attorney Wargo discussed key points in the proposed employment contract between Chief Niemeyer and the District.

RECONVENE THE OPEN MEETING:

At 7:15 PM Trustee Habercoss made a motion to end the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolski and with a roll call vote the motion carried 3-0-0.

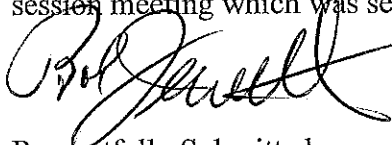
After the Board reviewed the proposed employment contract, and considered the counsel of attorney Wargo, Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the employment contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolski and with a roll call vote the motion carried 3-0-0. The contract was signed.

Jim Wargo reported that he had met with officials in Willow Springs and discussed the payment schedule between the District and the Village. It was noted by Trustee Wolski that no final sale price for the fire house has been agreed to and that will need to be finalized before our Board would consider any payment schedule. Mr. Wargo said there is a new candidate for mayor of Willow Springs that might be questioning the process. Lastly, a plat of subdivision of the fire house property is in process.

Jim Wargo said at some point in the future the pension liability to Willow Springs will have to be discussed to make sure their tax structure is equal to the current structure. This will not cause any delay in the real estate transaction.

The date of the March meeting will have to be changed due to scheduling conflicts. Chief Niemeyer will put some dates together and send them to the Trustees for consideration.

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Jewell made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting which was seconded by Trustee Habercoss and carried 3-0-0 with a voice vote.



Respectfully Submitted:
Bob Jewell, Secretary