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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 22, NOVEMBER 2016
AT DISTRICT #3.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN OFFICERS ACROSS THE NATION

I. MINUTES

Trustee Jewell made a motion to accept the minutes from October 17, 2016, Trustee Habercoss seconded the motion with the provision of a small change of the wording on page 2. Motion approved 3-0-0.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Wolski presented the October 2016 Treasurer's Report. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the October 2016 Treasurer's Report, Trustee Jewell seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Trustee Jewell – Aye, Trustee Wolski – Aye. 3-0-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Thanks to the hard work of Training Officer, LT Jeffery Allenspach, Tri-State has received an AFG grant thru FEMA in the amount of \$ 242,424.00 for new Air Packs.

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New Business cont.

Currently some of our current equipment is 10 years old and in need of replacement. 4 Vendor's reached out to us with their products. Following the federal requirements for procurement, we published in the newspaper and website on October 3rd our request for procurement, with a deadline of October 20 for all bids. Only 2 of the companies met the requirement of the federal government and on our October 20th deadline for bids we only received one bid. The staff has tried the potential equipment with positive feedback. Along with the grant award, monies have been budgeted for additional equipment, masks and bottles i.e.

Trustee Habercoss made a motion to table the accepting of the bids pending review of the proceeding by Attorney Wargo, motion seconded by Trustee Jewell. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye and Jewell – Aye. 3-0-0.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

The District is in receipt of residential Tax Assessment Appeals which we forwarded to Attorney Wargo for review.

Il Leaks in the October newsletter commented on the arrest of former Trustee Orrico for conflict of interest with the Board of Trustees approval to purchase ambulances while being employee of the company the department purchased our recent ambulances from. This was a direct conflict of interest as noted in the Economic Interest statement signed by Mr. Orrico. The staff has complied with the requests of the States Attorney office.

V. COMMISSIONERS

No Commissioners were present.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Our current Tax Levy will include the annexing of Willow Springs. The Levy will be published in the local newspaper in early December reflecting an anticipated 13.364% increase. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept Ordinance 2016-O-007, An Ordinance Making the Tri-State Fire Protection District's 2016 Truth in Taxation finding. Trustee Jewell seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Trustee Jewell – Aye, Trustee Wolski – Aye. 3-0-0.

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Trustee Habercoss made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-R-013, A Resolution Authorizing the Sale, Donation or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Jewell – Aye, Wolski – Aye. 3-0-0.

Tax increase EAV - .84 decrease, Property values have increased.

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

The audit has been completed and we will receive a draft copy of the Audit at the December meeting.

Willow Springs suffered a loss with the Willowbrook Ballroom fire on October 28, the fire is currently under investigation. Chief Niemeyer met with the Village board and the Water Commission.

Flu shots were provided to anyone who wanted one.

We are looking at hiring 2 additional firefighters. Cleared the shrubs at St. #2. Had curb work done at St. #3. 531's ladder was repaired. Submitted a grant for gear washers. Everyone recently completed a Cancer Awareness Training. Firefighter Parlick started October 17, 2016. We have 3 new PSSI medics.

Willow Springs will be having their annual Christmas Parade. We have toy collection boxes at each station.

8700 Skyline had a fire that damaged the deck and roof.

VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Discussed proposed ordinance regarding Local Government spending. Thanks to the College of DuPage, the new Ordinance prohibits entertainment expenses. Limit use of company car for traveling, prefer employees use personal vehicles and put in for reimbursement of mileage.

X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS – discussions continued regarding the 5 man board, accomplishments, mergers, discussed the financial positives of acquiring Willow Springs for all residents. Discussions were held regarding the recently acquired grant for air packs. Lieutenant Allenspach furthered explained the process of the grant, how each company submitting quotes must be in compliance. Must be able to service the equipment provided and we must spend all or the grant money offered.

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AUDIENCE COMMENTS cont.

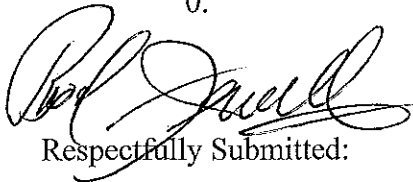
The audience members were informed that in the upcoming April election 2 Trustee slots are up for reelection.

The residents present brought up concerns regarding the 13.3645% increase in the proposed tax levy being submitted to the county in December 2016. The residents were informed that the 13.3645% increase is due to adding Willow Springs to the District and this would be our only opportunity to capture the Willow Springs tax dollars as we can consider Willow Springs new construction via a Tax Levy.

The audience members would like to see better communication when meeting dates are changed. The residents reminded the board that if we had a five member board there would be no need to reschedule meetings do to outside conflicts.

XI. RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the board, at 7:32 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Habercoss with a second by Trustee Jewell and the motion approved 3-0-0.



Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Jewell, Secretary