



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 02, AUGUST 2017
AT DISTRICT #3.**

The meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by Trustee Habercoss, Trustee Wolski, Trustee Scarpelli, Chief Niemeyer, Deputy Chief Brenn, attorney Wargo. Absent Adm. Asst. Radek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES

Trustee Habercoss presented the minutes from June 20, 2017. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call Habercoss – Aye, Wolski -Aye, Scarpelli -Aye 3-0-0

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Wolski presented the Treasurer's Report including bills from June 2017. Trustee Wolski made a motion to accept the report. Trustee Habercoss seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call Habercoss -Aye, Wolski -Aye, Scarpelli -Aye 3-0-0

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action to purchase 2017 Ford Explorer for Director of Fire Prevention through Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for \$29,736.00. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the purchase of the 2017 Ford Explorer for \$29,736.00. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss -Aye, Wolski -Aye, Scarpelli -Aye 3-0-0
- b. Consideration and action on contracting with audit firm for annual district audits. Chief Niemeyer presented the board with three different audit bids. Plante Moran, Klen Hall CPA'S, and K & A Knutte & Associates. Mr . Knutte spoke in front of the Board of

New Business cont.

Trustees and presented. First year May 31, 2017 \$11,000, May 31, 2018 \$11,250, and May 2019 \$11,500. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to hire K & A Knutte & Associates to audit Tri-State Fire Protection District for three years. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss-Aye, Wolski -Aye, Scarpelli- Aye, 3-0-0.

- c. Chief Niemeyer discussed allowing to hire back with training and over time. Overtime for 4 hours. All trustee agreed to look further into it.
 - d. Appointment by President Eric Habercoss of Joe Wolski to the Board of Trustees of the Tri-State Firefighters Pension Fund for a three year term April 17, 2017- April 20, 2020.
 - e. President Habercoss addressed new business that was not on agenda. Contract with PSSI, medics are young and inexperienced. Pay scale is not to par, it's a private service. PSSI contract is 1.33 million. Need to look into other companies and get bids. Last contract was 2015. President Habercoss mention hiring our own people. He also suggested the Tri-State put a third ambulance in Willow Springs.
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS, Annex Westmont property
- V. COMMISSIONERS REPORT- NONE
- VI. OLD BUSINESS – NONE
- VII. CHIEF'S REPORT
- a. Chief Niemeyer told the board he will be speaking and meeting the new candidates.
 - b. He is working with the new Director of Fire Protection to help with the transition. Chief reports, so far so good.
 - c. There was a fire in Burr Ridge. Chief talked to the homeowners. They believe lightning struck the home. No one was home at the time.
 - d. Chief Niemeyer attended Darien Night Out
 - e. Darienfest. Three days, they provide Tri-State with tent and golf cart at no charge.
 - f. Chief is working on new flow chart sheets.
 - g. Three openings for Firefighters
 - h. Willow Springs tax levy bill.
 - i. Need a number to pass ordinance
 - j. Senior living facility. We need inspectors to make sure any unfinished area is filled. We need to have hourly fee. Suggestion was \$60 per hour.
 - k. Mentioned asphalt company and how we are against it coming into the area. There are many against this as well.

VIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a. Recover cost from Mavis oil spill for materials etc. It's a big lawsuit and no cost to Tri-State. Why not continue to recover some money.
- b. Attorney wage claim. Discussion of Union taking over or work with us. Attorney Wargo followed up with the Department. They never filed it, in limbo.

IX. CLOSED SESSION at 7:47PM

Talked over contract negotiations for raises
Ended closed session at 8:02pm

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Trustee Habercoss to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Wolski, Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss-Aye, Wolski-Aye, Scarpelli-Aye.

Submitted by Trustee Scarpelli
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

