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MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

1. Call to Order – President LeBlanc called the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District to order at 6:01 PM. Public access was provided by GoToMeeting Video Conferencing.
 - a. Roll Call
Present: 4 Trustees – LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman Absent: 1 Karr
Also Present: Fire Chief Bert Lancaster, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, James Howard with Gov. Accounting LLC, Tracy Dunklau Administrative Assistant, Staff
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President LeBlanc led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment: None
3. Reports:
 - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the December 2021 monthly financial reports noting December posted strong income.
 - b. Chief’s Report – Chief Lancaster presented the December 2021 District detail report.
 - Still waiting on small tool grant notification
 - COVID operational policies have been updated
 - BC Niesel continues to process new hire applications and hiring
 - District Part-Time scheduling procedures have been updated
 - LT’s Badger and Sutherland – Started a mini fire academy for all new hires to familiarize them with the District’s expectations and procedures
 - Station 1 – Ice Stop System installation completed Station 2 – Gear Extractor & Sewage Ejectors replaced
 - c. Attorney’s Report – None at this time
 - d. President’s Report – President LeBlanc reported she met with Jessica, Chief, and Tracy regarding the website and future newsletter. She thanked everyone for working together.
 - e. Trustees’ Report – None at this time
4. Consent Agenda
A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Parthun to approve the consent agenda as presented.
On roll call, the vote was:
Yes: 4 LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman **No: 0** **Absent: 1** Karr
The Motion Carried
5. Old Business (for discussion and/or action) – None
6. New Business (for discussion and/or action)
Debt Restructuring Update - James Howard reported on meeting with Anthony from Speer Financial, Trustee Parthun, and Chief Lancaster. They began discussing debt restructuring and the possibility of introducing a Bond Referendum for the approximate total of 9M. Moving to a traditional staffing model was a priority with the Chief.
At this time, James recommends setting a Special Meeting date for him and Anthony to present options to the Board. President LeBlanc suggested meeting ASAP. Tracy will send several potential dates tomorrow.

Trustee McManus asked if the Chief could research Marketing Firms that surrounding districts have used. Trustee Parthun asked James for a referral that he has worked with successfully.

7. Closed Session – None
8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Parthun to adjourn the Monthly Meeting at 6:30 PM.
On voice vote: All AYES were heard. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant

John Karr, Secretary