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Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District
Monthly Board Meeting - Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – The Monthly Board Meeting of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District was called to order at 7:21 PM via Gotomeeting Video Conferencing by President Robert Handley
 - a. Roll Call
Present: 5 Trustees - Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman Absent: 0
Also Present: Fire Chief John Nixon, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC, Tracy Dunklau Admin Assistant, members of the public
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Handley led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country
 - c. President Handley reviewed rules/etiquette of participation via video conferencing
2. Public Comment: Resident Rich Treonis thanked the firefighters for their service
3. Reports
 - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the Financial Report for 11 months ending April 30, 2020. James reported the counties will begin real estate tax distribution in May.
 - b. Chief's Report – Chief Nixon thanked Klemm Roofing for their generous donation of roof repairs made to Station 2 during recent storms. The Chief reported Tender 1821 has been sold and there is an interested buyer for Engine 1812.
 - c. Attorney's Report – Kenneth Shepro reported Mr. Sullivan is no longer interested in leasing the property however Chris Collins will be renewing his lease.
 - d. President's Report – President Handley reported he will be meeting with each shift the next three days and asked the Trustees if they would like to join him (not to exceed two trustees per meeting). He asked the Chief to report on the MABAS Boat relocation to South Elgin and the implications to the District. The Chief is objecting to moving the boat and will update the Board at the June meeting.
 - e. Trustee's Report – Trustee LeBlanc reported the golf outing has been replaced with other fundraisers and will forward the information to Tracy for distribution.

4. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Wegman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman No: 0

The Motion Carried

5. Old Business (for discussion and/or action)

a. COVID-19 Update: The Chief provided an update on COVID-19 District procedures

b. A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Karr to renew the Farm Lease with Chris Collins on the same terms and conditions as in the 2019 lease.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman No: 0

The Motion Carried

6. New Business (for discussion and/or action)

a. FY2021 Budget – James Howard of Gov. Accounting LLC and the Chief presented the Budget Report to the Board of Trustees. A lengthy discussion ensued focusing on staffing, pay increases, hiring of a deputy chief, sale of equipment, purchase of boat, decreasing ambulance income and PSI contact.

b. A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Karr to approve Resolution 2020-03 Declaring Tender 1821 and Engine 1812 as Surplus Property and Authorizing and Directing the Sale of the vehicles.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman No: 0

The Motion Carried

c. A motion was made by Trustee Handley and seconded by Trustee Karr to approve Trustee Stipends as follows: \$2250 Handley, Dunham, LeBlanc, Wegman and \$1500.00 Karr for the FY2020.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman No: 0

The Motion Carried

The Board was reminded additional compensation is based on annual continuing education.

7. Closed Session – A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Dunham to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing employment and/or compensation of a specific employee as permitted by the Open Meeting Act.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman No: 0

The Motion Carried

Monthly Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:43 PM

Monthly Meeting returned to open session at 9:58 PM

8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn the May 18, 2020 Monthly Board Meeting at 9:58 PM.
On voice vote: All Ayes were heard. **The motion passed unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant

John Karr, Secretary