



Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District - Monthly Board Meeting

Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – President LeBlanc called the July 26, 2021 monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District to order at 7:15 PM.
 - a. Roll Call
Present: 5 Trustees – Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman
Also Present: Fire Chief John Nixon, Assist Fire Chief Bert Lancaster, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, James Howard with Gov. Accounting LLC, Tracy Dunklau Administrative Assistant, staff and residents.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited at Public Hearing.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Recognition Ceremony – A Recognition Ceremony and Proclamation for Successful Efforts of Lifesaving Event took place at 6:30 PM (Prior to the Public Hearing and out of order) for a near drowning incident on June 16, 2021. Patient and Family, FRCFR Firefighters/Paramedics, KaneComm Dispatcher, Campton Hills Police Officer and Kane County Sheriff were all recognized.
4. Reports:
 - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the June 2021 monthly financial reports.
 - b. Chief's Report – Chief Nixon presented the June 2021 detail report. He also reported the District responded to 172 incidents which is a significant increase over last year. The Chief announced the new radios are now in service. Trustee Wegman stated for the record, 2019 was a record year for call volume, 2020 set a new record for call volume and so far in 2021 the call volume is 20% ahead of that pace. We are managing with what we have due to the ongoing efforts of the staff we have employed.
 - c. Assistant Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Bert Lancaster gave a detailed report on the Heritage Oaks 5 alarm structure fire including challenges due to simultaneous fires in surrounding communities which used many of the same resources. He commended all crews who did an outstanding job fighting the fire. Crews are completing the installation of equipment and hose on the new Mini-Pumper 1834. All ALS paperwork has been submitted to Delnor and IDPH for the new squad. AC Lancaster, BC Sutherland and Trustee Wegman will meet with Campton Hills Village to develop a partnership for new business inspections and procedures.
 - d. Attorney's Report – Attorney Shepro reported Kane County is continuing to compile information for the distribution of federal funds. He confirmed that while the District is seeing an increase in calls, the sheriff and coroner is also reporting record numbers of calls.
 - e. President's Report - None
 - f. Trustees' Report – None

5. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Karr to approve the consent agenda as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

The Motion Carried

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

- a. A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Parthun to approve the FY 2022 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 2021-02

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun **No:** 0 **Present:** 1 Wegman

The Motion Carried

- b. Fleet Update – Discuss under new business
c. Staff Update – Chief Nixon posted employment ads yesterday and has already received over 15 applications.

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

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Karr to approve the PSI Agreement Apendex A

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

The Motion Carried

- b. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Karr to Approve Resolution 2021-02 Declaring Engine 1815 Surplus and Authorizing and Directing Its Sale.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

The Motion Carried

Following the roll call, Chief Nixon introduced Team Rubicon Disaster Response and their request to purchase Engine 1815 for \$1.00 as they are a non-profit organization. The Chief noted his intention to agree to the request and the Board concurred with the Chief's decision.

- c. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve Ordinance 2021-03 Establishing Emergency Medical Treatment and Amblulance Transport Fees, removing lift assist fees.

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

The Motion Carried

- d. A motion was made by Trustee Parthun and seconded by Trustee Leblanc to Approve Resolution 2021-03 Authorizing the Emergency Purchase of a Used Alexis Ford 500 4x4 Ambulance Demo not to exceed \$266,096.00

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

The Motion Carried

8. Closed Session – None requested
9. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Parthun to adjourn the Monthly Meeting at 8: 35 PM.
On voice vote: All AYES were heard. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Dunklau, Administration Assistant

John Karr, Secretary