



## Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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### MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – The Monthly Board Meeting of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District was called to order at 7:01 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, Brad O’Sullivan with Gov. Accounting LLC, Tracy Dunklau Administrative Assistant, members of the public
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Handley led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. President Handley reviewed rules/etiquette of participating via video conferencing
2. Public Comment:
  - Resident Nick McManus commented that he had suggested previously that the District contract with a consultant firm and is disappointed that this was not implemented.
  - Resident Rich Treonis commented that he did not agree with the County Line Subdivision disconnection.
  - Resident Nick McManus asked the Board to vote no on the County Line Subdivision disconnect.
  - Residents Kevin Besch and Mary Johnson of the County Line Subdivision spoke on behalf of the area residents regarding the disconnection and asked that the Board of Trustees postpone the vote or vote no to the disconnect. (Documents provided by Besch and Johnson were previously distributed in the Board Meeting Packet)
3. Reports
  - a. Financial Report – Brad O’Sullivan with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the Financial Report ending July 31, 2020. He reported that the District has received approximately 50% of the estimated tax distribution.
  - b. Chief’s Report – Chief Nixon presented the July 2020 District detail report. There was a very successful live burn training with 4 surrounding departments participating. A post incident critique of the Dunham Rd incident that required extensive extrication took place and Battalion Chief Sutherland is working with Kane Co on plan review for the new multiuse facility.
  - c. Attorney’s Report – Attorney reported on the CARES Act federal program allocating monies for COVID-19 related expenses. Kane County has approved the Fire District allocation and the applications should be available within a week.
  - d. President’s Report – President Handley thanked Attorney Shepro for his work with the Kane County Board to include Fire Districts in the CARES Act distribution. President Handley asked for Board volunteers to investigate debt restructuring. Trustee Karr and Trustee Wegman volunteered.
  - e. Trustee’s Report – None

4. Consent Agenda

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

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

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

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and Trustee Karr to approve Ordinance 2020-06 Disconnecting County Line Subdivision (Kautz Rd. Area)

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 4 Handley, Dunham, Karr, Wegman                      No: 1 LeBlanc                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- b. Fire Chief Employment Agreement – Moved to closed session

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

- a. PSI Agreement – Trustees received corrected contract with updated staffing numbers (PSI will provide 18 full time fire/rescue personnel with no less than 6 on duty at all times)

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

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

- b. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement – DuPage COVID-19 Reimbursement Program

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

- c. After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Dunham to approve the purchase of radios with the provision allowing staff to pursue competitive bidding if required.

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

7. Closed Session – A motion was made by Trustee Wegman 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                      Absent: 0

Monthly Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:08 PM

Monthly Meeting returned to open session at 9:10 PM

5b. Continued from New Business

A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Dunham to approve the Fire Chief's Employment Agreement as modified.

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Wegman to adjourn the August 17, 2020 Monthly Board Meeting at 9:13 PM.

On voice vote: All AYES were heard. **The motion passed unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Dunklau, Administration Assistant

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John Karr, Secretary