



## Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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### MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, September 21, 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 7:00 PM via Gotomeeting Video Conferencing by President Handley.
  - a. Roll Call  
Present: Handley, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman Absent: 0 Late: 1 Dunham arrived 8:08 PM  
Also Present: Fire Chief John Nixon, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, James Howard of Gov. Accounting. LLC, Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial, Administrative Assistant Tracy Dunklau, 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:
  - a. Resident Kevin Besch of County Line Subdivision stated the residents opposing the disconnection of the subdivision obtained support from the Kane County Board in the form of a second resolution. Mr. Besch also called for the resignations of Trustees Handley and Dunham and Chief John Nixon.
  - b. Resident Nick McManus, stated overpaying for the boat, giving raises to employees and hiring an assistant chief was financially irresponsible. He also asked when the Board was planning to conduct a review of the closed session meeting minutes.
3. Reports
  - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the Financial Report ending August 31, 2020. He reported the current audit is expected to complete within a few weeks.
  - b. Chief's Report – Chief Nixon presented the August 2020 District detail report. He reported 3 members completed Swiftwater Rescue techs and 3 have completed rope operations. Trustee LeBlanc and he will begin conducting interviews with candidates for the Assistant Chief position. The Chief would also like to schedule a workshop to discuss part time staffing issues.
  - c. Attorney's Report – Attorney Shepro noted that the Resolution referred to by Mr. Besch in his public comment was passed by the Kane County Board on their consent agenda without any discussion or background. The District was not notified by the County before or after the resolution was adopted. He also observed that the resolution was passed by the County after the District and West Chicago both passed their ordinances. Shepro noted that the review of closed session minutes was required to be done in person by the board members.
  - d. President's Report – None
  - e. Trustee's Report – Trustee LeBlanc requested reviews of Administrative Assistant and Fire Chief be placed on the October agenda for closed session.

4. Consent Agenda

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

On roll call the vote was:

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

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

Update on District Debt Restructure:

James Howard introduced Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial, Inc who presented an Overview of Current Debt Service and Refunding Options. After discussion, the board determined the Chief and Trustee Dunham will work with James and Anthony to develop several scenarios to present to the Board. (Trustee Dunham arrived at the meeting during this discussion)

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

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve Resolution 2020-04 Intergovernmental Agreement – DuPage COVID-19 Reimbursement Program.

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

- b. Procedures for interviewing applicants for Assistant Chief:

Trustee Leblanc reported on the interview procedures. She and the Chief will conduct interviews of the eight candidates this week. The entire Board will then interview the final candidates.

7. Closed Session – None

8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Wegman to adjourn the September 21, 2020 Monthly Board Meeting at 8:22 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant

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John Karr, Secretary