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## MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, October 24, 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 6:05 PM.
  - a. Roll Call  
**Present: 5** Trustees – Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Wegman     **Absent: 1** Parthun  
Also Present: Attorney Kenneth Shepro, James Howard with Gov. Accounting LLC, Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant, staff, and residents
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President LeBlanc led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Promotion Ceremony: Congratulations to Christopher Snively on his promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant
3. Public Comment: None
4. Reports:
  - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the September 2022 monthly financial reports. He also presented the Tax Levy Ordinance, and a discussion ensued. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to accept the estimate submitted by James Howard of Gov. Accounting, LLC. The Tax Levy exceeds 5%; therefore, the District will publish and hold a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on 11/14/2022 @ 5:45 PM. On roll call the vote was:  
**Yes: 4** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Wegman                     **No: 0**                     **Absent: 1** Parthun  
**The Motion Carried**
  - b. Chief's Report – Fire Chief Bert Lancaster provided the Board of Trustees with the Chief's Report and monthly statistics. He thanked everyone for their participation in making the Open House a huge success.
  - c. Attorney's Report – Attorney Shepro reported working on the tax objections and is expecting the complaint to be withdrawn.
  - d. President's Report – None at this time
  - e. Trustees' Report – Trustee Wegman requested a time change for the November meeting to accommodate picking up the holiday hams. He will be including South Elgin and Bartlett as a thank-you for loaning apparatus to the District. He and Trustee Karr asked that the attorney representing the District in the Nixon lawsuit be invited to attend the November meeting to provide an update to all Trustees. Trustee McManus asked about staff salary increases, and Chief Lancaster reported they were issued immediately after the budget passed in July. Trustee Karr reported he attended the NIAFPD Fall Seminar with Trustee Parthun as the lead presenter. The seminar was excellent, and the reoccurring theme was recruitment and retention must be the priority for Fire Districts.
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: 4** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Wegman                     **No: 0**                     **Absent: 1** Parthun  
**The Motion Carried**

6. Old Business: (for discussion and/or action)  
Update on bond sale – James Howard reported for Anthony Miceli with Speer Financial. He Congratulated the District on passing the Bond Referendum. He explained the debt obligations would be paid by mid-November.
7. New Business (for discussion and/or action)
- a. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Karr to approve the SCBA Purchase as presented (line item 3602)  
On roll call the vote was:  
**Yes: 4** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Wegman                      **No: 0**                      **Absent: 1** Parthun  
**The Motion Carried**
- b. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the September 19, 2022, Monthly Board Meeting as presented.  
On roll call the vote was:  
**Yes: 4** Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Wegman                      **No: 0**                      **Absent: 1** Parthun  
**The Motion Carried**
8. Closed Session – None requested
9. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Wegman to adjourn the Monthly Meeting at 6:54 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