



## Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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### MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – President Handley called the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District to order at 7:07 PM. Public access was provided by Gotomeeting Video Conferencing.
  - 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 Administrative Assistant, members of the public
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Handley led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. President Handley reviewed rules/etiquette of participating via video conferencing. Trustee Karr is present at Station 1 pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Emergency Order.
2. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
3. President Handley welcomed Assistant Chief Bert Lancaster to the District.
4. Reports:
  - a. Financial Report – James Howard with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the Financial Report ending October 31, 2020. He reported we have received a small FEMA reimbursement amount.
  - b. Chief’s Report – Chief Nixon presented the October 2020 District detail report. He reported RCA transports have started uneventfully.
  - c. Attorney’s Report – Attorney Shepro asked to go into Closed Session for review of Closed Session Minutes later in the meeting. He suggested the Covid-19 District Policies be reviewed by the Board. He also discussed being elected to the Kane County Board.
  - d. President’s Report – President Handley reported on the Illinois State Fire Marshal Small Equipment Grant up to \$26,000.00. Chief Nixon will be appointing a task force to submit items for grant consideration.
  - e. Trustee’s Report – None
5. Consent Agenda  
A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc 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**

6. Old Business

- a. After previously discussing, a motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to Approve Ordinance 2020-07 Levying and Accessing Taxes for 2020  
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 Resolution 2020-06 establishing the 2021 Meeting Dates.  
On roll call the vote was:  
Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman                      No:0                      Absent: 0  
**The Motion Carried**
- c. (Deferred to Closed Session for discussion as permitted by the OMA)
- d. Special Presentation: James Howard with Gov. Accounting and Anthony Miceli with Speer Financial presented options for District debt restructuring. Anthony will prepare an offering document for Board review while Chuck will make inquiries with WSB.
- e. The Board of Trustees discussed the possibility of moving forward with a Referendum request. A lengthy discussion ensued, and the Board of Trustees decided not to pursue a 2021 request.

7. New Business

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Karr to approve Resolution 2020-08 Kane County Intergovernmental Agreement Coronavirus Reimbursement  
On roll call the vote was:  
Yes: Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman                      No:0                      Absent: 0  
**The Motion Carried**
- b. A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Karr to Approve the Alexis Fire Equipment Mini Pumper Contract subject to President Handley and Attorney Shepro negotiating details of Article 6, attachment of proper Appendix with specifications and change of legal language.  
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 LeBlanc and Trustee Karr to approve the purchase of presented Stryker Power Cots in the amount of \$36,766.00  
On roll call the vote was:  
Yes: Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman                      No: 0                      Absent: 0  
**The Motion Carried**
- d. After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Karr and seconded by Trustee Dunham to approve the purchase of AeroClave Sanitation Units in the amount of \$31,166.00  
On roll call the vote was:  
Yes: Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman                      No: 0                      Absent: 0  
**The Motion Carried**
- e. The Chief presented a document comparing proposals for District insurance policies for 2021. He recommended approval of the VFIS proposal. Discussion ensued.  
A motion was made by Trustee Karr and seconded by Trustee Dunham to approve the VFIS insurance proposal in the amount of \$27,925.00  
On roll call the vote was:  
Yes: Handley, Dunham, Karr, LeBlanc, Wegman                      No: 0                      Absent: 0  
**The Motion Carried**

(6c) Attorney Shepro determined there was no need to adjourn to closed session for approval of Resolution 2020-07. Closed session minutes up for semi-annual review are as follows: 4/16/07, 3/26/12, 3/18/19, 5/20/19, 6/17/19, 1/21/2020, 2/17/2020, 4/20/20, 5/18/2020, 6/15/20, 6/22/20, 7/27/20, 8/17/20. Attorney Shepro recommended the release of the 3/26/12, 3/18/19, 6/17/19 closed session minutes and that a need for confidentiality existed for all other reviewed closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Karr and seconded by Trustee Dunham to Approval Resolution 2020-07 Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

On roll call the vote was:

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

**The Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Karr to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting at 9:21 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