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MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, December 14, 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 7:00 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, Assist Fire Chief, Bert Lancaster, 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 those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. President Handley reviewed rules/etiquette of participating via video conferencing. Fire Chief John Nixon 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 – Brad O’Sullivan with Gov. Accounting, LLC provided the Financial Report ending November 30, 2020.
 - b. Chief’s Report – Chief Nixon presented the November 2020 District detail report. He reported in November the water supply issues for the new County Building were resolved, the bay floor office was updated for Assistant Chief Lancaster and vehicles 1814 and 1852 both had warranty repairs. Vehicle 1803 was put in service for Assistant Chief Lancaster’s use.
 - c. Attorney’s Report – Attorney Shepro stated there were three simultaneous candidate filings for the Consolidated Election therefore a lottery for ballot position will be held on the December 28, 2020. He also stressed the District should adopt a COVID-19 Policy as soon as possible. The Board agreed to discuss/take action at the January monthly board meeting.
 - d. President’s Report – President Handley led a discussion on the District’s COVID-19 Vaccine Policy. Chief Nixon will confirm policies with Delnor and PSI and provide update to the Board at the January board meeting. President Handley also discussed changing the Fire Sign Replacement Policy. Discussion ensued.
 - e. Trustee Reports – None
5. 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

6. Old Business

- a. Update on District Debt Restructuring – Trustee Dunham reported on his conversation with West Suburban Bank. Anthony Miceli with Speer Financial, provided the Board with an update on the District debt restructuring financial options and discussion ensued.
- b. The Board of Trustees again discussed the District’s Covid-19 Policies with all agreeing the policies will be changed as state and local mandates change. Chief Nixon and the Board of Trustees will monitor and adapt accordingly.

7. New Business

- a. A UV LED Halo System (Air Purifier) was proposed by Chief Nixon. A discussion ensued and the Board of Trustees, in agreement with the Chief, decided not to pursue installation of any system at this time. This system could be considered for inclusion in future grant requests.
- b. President Handley addressed Trustee Wegman’s inquiry regarding employee year end raises. Chief Nixon noted that he was preparing a proposal to implement raises based on employee reviews. The Chief also reviewed the status of the Kane County CARES Act funding earmarked for payroll.

8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting at 8:48 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Dunklau, Administration Assistant

John Karr, Secretary