



Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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MINUTES

Monthly Board Meeting

December 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Station 1 – Meeting Room

34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

1. Call to Order – The Monthly Board Meeting of the Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District was called to order at 7:00 PM, Monday, December 18th, 2017 in the Meeting Room located in Station 1 at 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 by President, Robert Handley
 - a. Roll Call:
Present: 5 – President Handley, Trustees Dunham, Mollenhauer, LeBlanc, Wegman
Absent: 0
Also Present: Chief John Nixon, Attorney Ken Shepro, Mr. James Howard of Gov. Acct LLC, Tracy Dunklau Administrative Assistant, many residents.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Handley led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country
2. Citizen's Comments: District resident McManus read a prepared statement in which he declared he can not support the referendum. President Handley responded to the statement that he is willing to talk to Nick and correct the erroneous parts of the statement. Residents from Bonnie Court area (Farber and DeGrandchamp) stated concerns about fire coverage in their area of the District because in their opinion they are too far from the District Station 1. President Handley thanked the residents for being at the meeting and for their comments.
3. Reports:
 - a. Financial Report: Mr. James Howard, Gov. Accounting, LLC gave the monthly financial presentation. He explained that all of the expenditure reductions that the District has made have had a positive impact on fund balances. For detailed financial information refer to attached report
 - b. Chief's Report: Chief Nixon reported that Fire Marshall Jim Plunket resumed duty after a lengthy medical leave. The Chief addressed the residents in attendance, acknowledging their concerns about coverage stating that part of the problem is that FRCFR has Auto Aid Agreements with all surrounding districts except for St. Charles Fire Department which is unwilling to do so. He offered to personally call St. Charles Chief and discuss the matter again. He also pointed out that the residents have the right to seek annexation into the city of St. Charles which would solve their problem.
 - c. Attorney Report: The District received a subpoena in the Maxxam lawsuit and we have complied.
 - d. President's Report: None

- e. **Trustee Report:** Trustee Mollenhauer and Chief Nixon attended a meeting with Elburn and surrounding districts to discuss disaster protocols. Tom will be part of the Disaster task force helping to develop plans for responding to catastrophic emergencies. He reported that he had very positive conversation with Elburn's Chief Cluchey about the importance of moving forward with the re-established relationship between the two Districts.

4. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Monthly Invoices: A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Mollenhauer to approve the Monthly Invoices and the November 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented.

On roll call the vote was:

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

THE MOTION CARRIED

5. **For Discussion and/or Action**

- a. **Ordinance 2017-06:** A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Wegman to adopt an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes for 2017

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Mollenhauer, LeBlanc, Wegman **No: 0** **Absent: 0**

THE MOTION CARRIED

- b. **Approval of Annual Audited Financial Report 2017:** Moved to January Monthly Meeting
- c. **Resolution 2017-06:** A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee Mollenhauer to adopt a Resolution Setting the Regular Meeting Dates for t the Calendar Year 2018:

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Mollenhauer, LeBlanc, Wegman **No: 0** **Absent: 0**

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- d. **Kane County Jail – Financial Issues:** President Handley reported that he is working with Wexford and will have more information at the January Monthly Meeting
- e. **Stony Creek (Glenwood):** President Handley moved to January Monthly Meeting
- f. **Referendum Committee:** Trustee LeBlanc stated she has been working with numerous contacts but has not found anyone to step and lead the committee. The Chief has a couple parties interested and will reach out to them to see if they are interested in a leadership role. A discussion ensued, and it was determined that a Referendum Workshop and Special Meeting will held on January 3rd. The Referendum Workshop will be at 5:00 PM and the Special Meeting will follow at 6:00 PM.

- 6. **New Business:** President Handley suggested that we submit Advisory Questions and adopt the Resolution at the Special Meeting being held on January 3, 2018. He will work on drafting the questions and present at the Special meeting for approval.
- 7. **Closed Session:** None requested
- 8. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Trustee Wegman and seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn the December 18, 2017 meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.