



Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District

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Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting Room located in Station 1

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

1. Call to Order – The monthly board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire/Rescue District was called to order at 7:02 PM, Monday, April 16, 2018 in the Meeting Room located at Station 1 @ 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 by President, Robert Handley
 - a. Roll Call:
Present: 5 Handley, Dunham, Mollenhauer, LeBlanc, Wegman
Absent: 0
Also Present: Chief John Nixon, Attorney Ken Shepro, James Howard, Gov. Accounting, LLC., Administrative Assistant Tracy Dunklau, numerous residents, citizens and members of the press
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Handley led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country
2. Citizens Comments: None
3. Reports – Committee Reports
 - a. Financial Report – James Howard, Gov. Accounting, LLC gave the monthly financial presentation. The Chief commented that the District unfortunately did not receive the radio grant.
 - b. Chief's Report – Good news to report on LT John Paczesny improved condition, thankfully he is now resting comfortably at home. The Chief asked that the Board recognize the Firefighter/PM personnel who worked John's incident with a Life Saving Award at the May Meeting. Trustee Mollenhauer added The Lehman Family expressed their gratitude for the professionalism and kindnesses showed at their daughter's incident. Both Tender 1821 and 1822 are out of service for mechanical issues. He also presented a detailed report on Staffing and Funding to be discussed under New Business.
 - c. Attorney's Report – Attorney Ken Shepro reported that in looking into the Referendum Question error the Kane County Clerk located many of the District's old records. He and Bob will be meeting with the State's Attorney to investigate the Referendum Question error and possible Petition for Discovery.
 - d. President's Report – President Handley reminded the Trustees to submit their Statement of Economic Interest by the end of the month
 - e. Trustee Report – None
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of March 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant pulled for approval at the May Meeting
 - b. Approval of Monthly Invoices: A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Mollenhauer to approve all invoices excluding one.
On roll call the vote was:
Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Mollenhauer, LeBlanc, Wegman **No: 0** **Absent: 0**
The motion passed unanimously

Approved 5/24/18

5. Old Business:

- a. Referendum – President Handley stated that the Board has reviewed and taken under advisement all information provided regarding the Referendum failure, the District’s financial situation and feasible options/solutions. After discussion, he asked each Trustee to state their opinion on proceeding with placing a Referendum question on the November Ballot.

Trustee LeBlanc – Yes, but again there is a brief time frame to the November election and she wants to meet with the community group to make sure they are on board with the message

Trustee Wegman – Yes, there is no other viable option

Trustee Dunham – Yes, we are very close

Trustee Mollenhauer – Yes, but the Board must work as a one unified group to get in front of the residents. The Board must reach Fox Mill residents and fight back together against the negative campaign of the St Charles Fire Union who supported every surrounding Fire District except FRCFR.

President Handley – Yes, the more we educate residents the higher the Yes vote

- b. Legal Service Agreement – Moved to May Meeting

6. New Business:

- a. 2019 Budget – Fire Chief, John Nixon presented to the Board of Trustees the Staffing and Funding Report. A lengthy discussion and evaluation of each option presented ensued. President Handley acknowledged the April 9, 2018 Special Meeting provided crucial information that was essential to making very tough decisions that must be made tonight. President Handley asked each Trustee to state their position.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Mollenhauer to approve Option 3 making one of the two stations (Station 2) a jump company

On roll call the vote was:

Yes: 5 Handley, Dunham, Mollenhauer, LeBlanc, Wegman

No: 0 Absent: 0

The motion passed unanimously

- b. Real Estate – Bolcum and Crane Roads District Property. Trustee Mollenhauer is having an ongoing conversation with an interested party wishing to purchase the property. He will update the Board at the May Meeting.

7. Closed Session – None

8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Trustee Dunham and seconded by Trustee Wegman to adjourn the April 16, 2018 meeting at 8:57 PM. **The motion passed unanimously**

Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant