

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2006**

Call to Order

Trustee Joseph Kelly called the meeting of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse. Group assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee.....Joseph Kelly
Trustee.....Patrick Lorenz
Chief.....William Doherty
Deputy Chief.....Frederick Vollinger
Assistant Chief.....Edmund Murphy
Commissioner.....Jerry Dietz
Commissioner.....Joseph Kaech
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana
Attorney.....Rich Jalovec

Trustee Stratakos will be unable to attend.

Open to Floor

Nothing at this time.

Board Approval

Minutes – Regular Meeting

President Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2006 as presented. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

Minutes – Closed Session

President Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the July 25th closed session as presented. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

*Accounts Payable &
Treasurer’s Report*

Trustee Lorenz made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending August 22nd in the amount of \$63,857.24. Trustee Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz also moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. Trustee Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

Budget Review

Chief Doherty reported that with three months of the year gone, combined revenues are at 26.074%, expenditures at 22.4%. President Kelly congratulated the Chief on keeping the District within the budget.

Reports of Officials

Chief

Justice Ambulance - The Justice ambulance we are currently using was having air conditioning problems. The cost for repairs is approximately \$2,200.00.

Justice truck – the Village of Justice had asked for two appraisals on the truck repairs. These were provided by B&P Apparatus Incorporated and Jimmy Diesel. Jimmy Diesel concluded that in its current condition, certified, the truck has no value. B&P concluded that with the above-mentioned criteria, it was worth \$8-10,000.00. Both companies concluded that if the necessary repairs were made, the truck would be valued at \$50-60,000.00. Chief Doherty will pass this information along to the Village for them to decide on how to proceed. The repairs are estimated at \$30-40,000.00.

Chief Doherty received a phone call from Trustee Ed Jurgel of Justice requesting a meeting with the District. He'd like to put together a committee meeting of the Village Trustees to review Roberts Park's contract with Justice. He suggested August 30th at 7 p.m. Trustees Lorenz and Stratakos will be unable to attend; the Chief will contact Trustee Jurgel to reschedule.

The tower ladder is currently being repaired in Pennsylvania. The suspension work should be finished by next week or the week after, and they will do a load test on the ladder. Chief Doherty and Lt. Ketchen will go to Pennsylvania to test drive the truck to ensure the vehicle has been repaired properly.

The Chief is waiting for additional information regarding ambulance leasing. He will keep the Board updated.

Last month the District was scheduled for its IPRF inspection. IPRF cited 13 items between both stations to address. They were very minor issues, and Chief Doherty is working on getting them corrected.

Jeff Dees has resigned as the Union steward. Chris Knights replaced him temporarily; recently, Scott Kelly has been elected the new official Union steward. Chris Knights did bring to their attention the issue of the criteria to be eligible for working out of classification. It was agreed that the language was confusing, so the contract has since been re-worded and approved by the Union.

On August 4th, a group of former residents held a reunion at Station 1 in the apparatus bay. They were grateful to the Department for allowing them to do so, and made a \$200.00 donation.

The Firefighters' Association also received a \$20.00 donation, along with a letter thanking Roberts Park staff that serviced a call on August 7th for an asthmatic patient. The letter was received from Thomas Ward of Palos Hills, for his sister in

Hickory Hills. The personnel on duty were D/C Vollinger, Lt. Ketchen, F/P Sanders, F/P Zupancic, F/P Dibbern, and F/F Sutkus; the Chief commended them for a job well done.

Chief Doherty sent a letter to Miner & East, thanking them for their excellent work.

The next Trustees Meeting will be held on September 26, 2006.

Deputy Chief

There are new equipment additions to the training room, including two monitors and wireless microphones, which were incorporated in the earlier bid process. These provide better audio/visual production when the projector is running.

Back in May, the Department attended the technical rescue drill in Oak Lawn and Summit. We received the reimbursement checks for overtime: approximately \$100.00 from Summit, \$750.00 from Oak Lawn. The Department also received two rescue dummies that are valued at approximately \$1,000.00 each. The dummies will first be used by MABAS in East St. Louis; they will then be sent back to the District.

IPRF grant – Deputy Chief Vollinger got specifications for new turnout gear, which he is looking to be more durable.

Scott Kelly will be going to the Orland Fire Protection District emergency driving rodeo, put on by VFIS and various sponsors. It will be held on September 9th, at one of the mall parking lots, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Deputy Chief began the beginning of the school year walk-throughs at the elementary schools of Districts 109 and 117. This is when we update the emergency listings for all the teachers and administration in case of an incident. Back when school was in session, a call for chest pain was received from Glen Oaks. The school called 911 and the police department answered the call. The caller hung up before it was dispatched out Roberts Park. Glen Oaks has a Centrex line, so the phone number that the police called back didn't lead anywhere, as Centrex is a bank of phone numbers. The school is aware of this issue and knows now to use a certain line or to specify the location of the call.

Assistant Chief

No report.

Fire Commissioners

A Fire Commissioners' meeting was held last Tuesday, during which they elected their positions; the President is Kenneth Osborne, and the Secretary is Joseph Kaech. They also reviewed their Rules and Regulations pertaining to the last two testings. That discussion has been tabled to next Tuesday during a scheduled meeting. They hope to publish an updated Rules & Regulations sometime next month.

Attorney

The Appropriation Ordinance was filed and a copy was given to the Chief.

Attorney Jalovec is still negotiating with the attorneys for the tax objectors. This has been pending for some months, as it involves 200 other taxing bodies. There is a court date Friday, and he hopes it shall be resolved shortly.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

President Kelly moved to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:00 p.m. and go into closed session to discuss the Officers' Agreement. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. President Kelly moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.