

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 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  
Trustee.....Steve Stratakos  
Chief.....William Doherty  
Commissioner.....Jerry Dietz  
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne  
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana  
Attorney.....Rich Jalovec  
Recording Secretary.....Kelly Kulzer

D/C Vollinger and A/C Murphy were absent; they were both attending a 911 Conference in Springfield. Commissioner Joseph Kaech was out of town.

**Open to Floor**

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

**Board Approval**

*Minutes – Regular Meeting*

President Kelly moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2006 as presented. Trustee Stratakos second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Minutes – Closed Session*

President Kelly moved to accept the minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup> closed session as presented. Trustee Stratakos second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Accounts Payable &  
Treasurer’s Report*

Trustee Lorenz made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending October 24<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$135,852.39. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz also moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Budget Review*

At four months ending August 31, 2006, revenues are at 36.3%, expenditures at 29.8%. At 5 months ending, revenues are at 44.7%, expenditures at 38.7%. President Kelly complimented the Chief on a job well done.

## Reports of Officials

### *Chief*

The District received the 2005 Life Safety Award, which is given out to departments showing they have fire prevention and public education programs in place, and zero fire deaths every year.

A serious storm occurred on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the firefighters on shift the day of the storm and those following assisted residents in clearing their properties of debris. Chief Doherty commended everyone on staff involved.

#### Chief Doherty

received a copy of a letter read at a Justice Board meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> from the Perczynskis at 7254 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Justice. They thanked the fire, police, and building departments for their efforts during a fire that occurred when they were out of town during the storm. They thanked these departments for preventing catastrophic damage to the property.

Engine 305 is back in service and working properly. Chief Doherty and Lt. Ketchen met with a Justice committee on October 4<sup>th</sup> to go over the appraisals for the repairs to the Justice truck. The committee is still undecided, and will get back to the Board with their decision. The Justice engine that Roberts Park is currently using is having problems with the hydraulic generator; repairs are pending.

An Open House was held at both stations on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was slightly low at Station 2, but turnout was very good at Station 1. Overall, the event was well received.

The Chief will be attending a seminar on GASBE 45 and fire district financing put on by the Northern Alliance of Fire Protection Districts.

The ambulance committee has compiled specs and is ready to put them out for bid. A cover letter will be provided and the bid opening will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The bid proposal will be advertised in the Daily Southtown. Once bids are received, the Board can decide whether to purchase or lease.

The Chief received a letter from Titanium Properties at 8108 Roberts Rd. in Justice. They're requesting to annex their property into Roberts Park, which consists of a 5-unit townhome. It has been formally readdressed as 8961 – 8969 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> St. It does have a contiguous boundary with the District. The same company requested a property annexation in April of 2006. Property tax from these addresses would go to the District.

The District's agreement with the Village of Justice is up at the end of July 2007. Justice can either renew the contract, reinstate its fire department, or hold a referendum. If the referendum were to occur at the April 17<sup>th</sup> election, the paperwork would have to be submitted to the board of elections by January 29<sup>th</sup>.

This burden would rest upon the Village, not Roberts Park. The Board will have to begin discussing the contract with Justice soon. A/A Fontana suggested forming contingency plans based upon possible proposals from Justice.

The Chief received an email from B/C Foster requesting a meeting with the Board to review the Officers' Agreement. The Board will meet with B/C Foster on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Standard Bank is appealing its taxes; Since the amount is over \$100,000.00 and a portion of their property tax goes to Roberts Park, the District was notified. In cases like this when a number of entities are affected by a tax appeal, they unite under common legal representation rather than each having their own attorney. Attorney Jalovec recommended using the common legal representation.

Chief Doherty reminded everyone that the upcoming Trustees Meeting dates are November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

D/C Vollinger and A/C Murphy are attending a 911 conference in Springfield.

*Deputy Chief*

D/C Vollinger was absent.

*Assistant Chief*

A/C Murphy was absent.

*Commissioners*

All three will be attending an IFPCA seminar this weekend. They are in the process of putting together the Battalion Chief testing; Commissioner Dietz estimated finishing up in February. They are still working on the rules and regulations.

*Attorney*

06-R-02: Resolution to annex property. The attorney recommended passing Resolution No. 06-R-02, a resolution to annex property. President Kelly entertained a motion to pass Resolution No. 06-R-02. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

President Kelly moved to recess the regular meeting and convene a closed session on November 2, 2006 at 5:00 p.m., which will be further continued on dates to be determined at the time of closed session. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Trustee Lorenz moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.