

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 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
Deputy Chief.....	Frederick Vollinger
Assistant Chief.....	Edmund Murphy
Commissioner.....	Jerry Dietz
Commissioner.....	Joseph Kaech
Commissioner.....	Kenneth Osborne
Administrative Assistant.....	Don Fontana
Attorney.....	Rich Jalovec
Recording Secretary.....	Kelly Kulzer

Open to Floor None.

Board Approval

Minutes – Regular Meeting President Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2006 as presented. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. Trustee Stratakos pass. So approved.

Minutes – Closed Session President Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22nd closed session as presented. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. Trustee Stratakos pass. So approved.

Accounts Payable & Treasurer’s Report Trustee Lorenz made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending September 26th in the amount of \$132,017.52. Trustee 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 Due to a software problem, a budget review is unavailable at this time.

Reports of Officials

Chief

Santanna Natural Gas, our current provider, is filing for Chapter 11. They are under reorganization, and will continue to provide our service according to contract.

The tower ladder is currently in Pennsylvania for repairs. At the manufacturer's expense, they have repaired the rear suspension, cradle damage to the ladder, the fire body support damage, the platform structural cracks, the cab roof damage, the cab underside, air conditioning system, emergency lighting, front suspension and shock absorbers, front and rear alignment, and the auto level system. Lt. Ketchen witnessed the dead load test, which the vehicle passed. They also performed additional work at the District's expense: 5 year ladder service, which includes another UL test; repair to the rear brakes; and replacement of the driver's seat. They will do any further repairs necessary based on the UL test, and we should have the vehicle back by next week or the following week.

Justice truck – we had received two different appraisals, which Ed Jurgel, Justice Trustee, would like to present at an October 4th committee meeting. Chief Doherty and Lt. Ketchen will attend this meeting to answer any questions.

An ambulance committee is drawing up specs and will complete them by October 16th. The District can then go out for bids, and determine whether to purchase outright or lease.

EMS billing receipts are now being received via direct deposit.

The District received a \$7,800.00 safety grant from Illinois Public Risk Fund, which will be used for turnout gear.

Chief Doherty and D/C Vollinger attended the International Fire Chiefs' Conference in Dallas from the 13th to the 17th. The programs were informative and included presentations on ethics, leadership, and strategic planning, amongst others.

The Chief received an email from a Hickory Hills resident for services rendered on August 30th for a severe reaction to a bee sting. The crew arrived in less than three minutes, and the resident commended their professionalism and excellent service. The personnel on duty were B/C Foster, F/P Duzakowites, P/M Jones, F/P Glomb, F/P Kelly, and F/F Adamow.

The District received a thank you from LaGrange Fire Department, who we assisted with an incident in August, in addition to a thank you from Orland FPD for assistance with an incident on July 31st.

There will be a lunch held at the fire station to thank former Trustee Larry Boettcher for his years of service. The Chief will notify the board of the date and time.

There is an Open House on October 7th for Fire Prevention Week from 1p.m. to 4p.m. at both Stations 1 and 2.

The next meeting is October 24th.

Due to the holidays, the November and December meetings will be rescheduled. November's meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, November 21st; December's meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th.

Deputy Chief

NIMS (National Incident Management System) Compliance – The Trustees are required to do training at the IS 700 level. It's an online course, and it's required for grant applications. The target date for completion is September 30th.

D/C Vollinger has applied for a grant for a thermal imaging camera for approximately \$14,000.00 from Office of Domestic Preparedness terrorism sector.

The D/C has been appointed to the Oak Lawn Central User Group committee, which was formed to address problems with the interaction between fire personnel and dispatchers.

The Deputy Chief read a letter he sent to Oak Lawn and the Hickory Hills Police Department regarding a call on September 3rd at 9435 86th Ct. This documented an incident of commendable communication between the telecommunicator and rescue personnel. The Roberts Park personnel on duty were Lt. Ketchen, F/P Knights, P/M Somerville, F/F Golema, and F/F Tomala.

The D/C and F/P Jeff Dees attended a Firehouse training seminar in Washington D.C., where they learned it has a much wider scope of capability, including documenting attendance and payroll. These will be implemented at the beginning of next year.

On October 7th, the decon truck will be at Toyota Park for Firefighter Recognition Day.

Assistant Chief

None.

Fire Commissioners

The Commissioners have had two meetings thus far regarding changes to the rules and regulations, held on August 29th and September 21st. They expect to complete discussions by next month.

Attorney

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The Battalion Chiefs list has been exhausted. Chief Doherty requested that the Board of Commissioners hold a Battalion Chiefs test. Trustee Lorenz moved to have the Commissioners hold a Battalion Chiefs test. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Adjournment

President Kelly entertained a motion to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:56 p.m. and go into closed session to discuss the Officers' Agreement. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:51 p.m. Trustee Stratakos moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.