

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

Call to Order

President Joseph Kelly called the meeting of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Group assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee.....Joseph Kelly
Trustee.....Patrick Lorenz
Trustee.....Steve Stratakos
Chief.....Frederick Vollinger
Deputy Chief.....Jeffrey Ketchen
Commissioner.....Ervin Kozicki
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana
Attorney.....Rick Ryan
Accountant.....Terry Coleman
Recording Secretary.....Kelly Kulzer

Commissioner Kaech was absent.

Open to the Floor

None.

Board Approval

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Trustee Stratakos moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2009 as presented. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Accounts Payable & Treasurer’s Report

Trustee Lorenz moved to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending February 10, 2009 in the amount of \$68,034.76. Trustee Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Trustee Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Budget Review

With nine months of the year gone, revenues are at about 75%, expenses at about 74%.

Reports of Officials

Chief

The NIAFPD conference was attended by Chief Vollinger, Deputy Chief Ketchen, Trustee Lorenz, Commissioner Kozicki, Don Fontana, and Kelly Kulzer. The conference was very informative.

There was a recent structure fire on Terrace Drive in the north end of Justice. There was a civilian injury; he has since been released from the hospital. Cause is still undetermined.

The District sold its reserve truck to Ecuador for \$6,000 cash that has been deposited into our checking account at Archer bank.

The Chief and Deputy Chief are in the process of compiling numbers for next year's budget.

Dispatch costs are beginning to outpace revenues. Currently we pay Oak Lawn Dispatch \$68,000 annually, \$5,700 monthly, and Oak Lawn's proposal for next year was initially set at \$80,000 annually, \$6,600 monthly. That fee has been negotiated to \$72,000 annually, \$6,000 monthly. Chief Vollinger has discussed dispatching services with Justice recently. The initial fee to Justice was discussed at \$65,000-70,000 annually, with an increase at the CPIU or 3%, whichever is lower. The Trustees gave the Chief approval to continue discussions with the Justice Police Department regarding the provision of dispatching services to Roberts Park.

Deputy Chief

Following D/C Ketchen's research of interest rates, the District has opened two bank accounts at George Washington Savings: a money market with a variable rate of 2.25%, and a CD with a fixed rate of 2.25%. The funds in the CD are currently earmarked for the purchase of a new ambulance. The Pumper and Air Pack Funds with the Illinois Funds will be closed out and used to fund the new accounts at GWS.

D/C Ketchen has been discussing the possibility of having above-ground on-site fuel tanks with Warren Oil. These tanks would be automatically refilled when fuel runs low, and the District would pay a fixed amount for fuel. There is no cost for the equipment. D/C Ketchen will advise the Board of any further developments.

Commissioners

The Commissioners have begun working on the promotional process for Lieutenant and Battalion Chief. There are currently two possible candidates for each position. The Commissioners will hold a meeting next week to discuss further.

Attorney

The Village of Justice would like to renegotiate the affidavit drawn up by Mr. Ryan to collect funds from Sterling Estates. Mr. Ryan is contacting the Village's attorney to discuss further.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Trustee Kelly entertained a motion to amend the Fire Chief's current contract. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Recess – Closed Session

Trustee Kelly entertained a motion to go into emergency closed session to discuss personnel. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Regular meeting recessed for closed session at 6:11 p.m.

Resumption of Regular Meeting

Trustee Kelly entertained a motion to adjourn the closed session and resume the regular board meeting. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. Regular meeting resumed at 6:21 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Kelly entertained a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.