

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On March 22, 2021, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held at 7:00 p.m. at 3014A Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois. The meeting was conducted in person at the foregoing location due to the closure of the Liberty Bank Community Room, the regular meeting location for the District.

Attending the meeting were Trustees Ford, Fischer, and Rynders. Fire Commissioners Cox, Clemons, and Sherman; Retired Firefighter Edward McBride; current Department members Hamburg, Farmer, and Estes; Mr. Rick Merrill; and legal counsel for the District were also present. Fire Chief Cranmer was unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair first inquired regarding announcements and presentations. There were none.

The Chair next called for presentation of the minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2021, and upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The President next called for the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurances Funds as of February 28, 2021. The report reflected cash on hand in the General Fund of \$974,543.81, receipts during the month of \$39,346.01, and disbursements during the month of \$112,013.12 leaving a balance at February 28, 2021 of \$911,876.70. He also reported that the Audit Fund had a balance of \$92,401.48 and that Insurance Fund had a balance \$601,333.13 at February 28, 2021. He reported on the Cash On Hand Distribution allocation and the General Fund Designation allocation. The Treasurer noted that his report also contained the General Fund Financial Statement as of February 28, 2021 by budget, monthly budget, and year to date figures; the February 2021 Expenditure Report by budget line item reflecting February spending, year to date spending, and budget line item balance; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of February 28, 2021; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of February 28, 2021; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of February 28, 2021; the Agency Fund balance as of February 28, 2021; the Tax Receipts & Disbursements Summary Report through February 9, 2021; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for February 2021; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for February 2021. Upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The Board next turned to payment and approval of bills. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, to approve the bills for payment as same come due in the normal course of business during the month in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the Board of Fire Commissioners Report. Mr. Sherman advised that there was no report.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report and Mr. Ford advised that he had learned that the 100 Club of Chicago is expanding its organization's efforts and being renamed the 100 Club of Illinois. It will expand its coverage to the entire state. The organization, which originated in the Chicago area, is a support structure for fallen firefighters families similar to the Backstoppers program which operates in the District's area. He advised that the two organizations would be cooperating.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. It was noted that the Chief was not present, but that his written report had been submitted the Board.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney advised that he had learned of a subrogation lawsuit filed naming the District as well as the Fosterburg District as Plaintiffs against the homeowner of the property which resulted in the incident involving the death of and injury of District firefighters on March 6, of 2019. He advised that he had contacted the Illinois Public Risk Fund regarding the filing of this suit and was advised that this was an effort to recover monies which had been paid as benefits by IPRF to the injured firefighters and family of deceased firefighter Captain Jake Ringering. It is being handled by a subrogation law firm from Chicago. The attorney advised that the District would not be actively involved in this lawsuit and that it had not initiated the lawsuit.

The Board next turned to public comments. There were no public comments.

The meeting next turned to other business.

The first item of other business to come before the Board involved Station 2 maintenance matters and the Chair recognized Firefighter Estes who reported regarding roof leaks which had resulted in water entering the kitchen area and the cabinets and microwave. He indicated that it was not clear how the water got into the building, but that ceiling tiles had been damaged. There were also rust spots in various areas. He indicated his belief that the issue was created by the pitch of the roof structure, but that he was not clear how to correct the problem. There followed discussion with the Board regarding contacting Jun Construction

or other contractors to ascertain appropriate steps to address the problem. Mr. Ford suggested that Mr. Estes obtain estimates for repairs. Mr. Estes next reported regarding the condition of the bay heaters and indicated that all 4 units need to be serviced. He suggested that Jen Mechanical or Barrett Heating and Cooling be contacted for quotes for maintenance of the units. Mr. Estes also reported that the refrigerator at Station No. 2 has a drain line issue which caused it to malfunction. There was discussion regarding the cost of a replacement refrigerator. Mr. Ford suggested that Mr. Estes take the possible replacement to the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board for possible funding by that source.

The meeting next turned to a discussion regarding the purchase of ice rescue suits which had been deferred from the last meeting. It was noted the cost is in the range of \$800.00 per suit and that there is a request by the client for 4 new suits to be procured due to the condition of the existing suits. After further discussion, Mr. Rynders moved to purchase 4 suits at a cost of approximately \$3,200.00. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting next turned to discussion of matters relating to the 2021 Bond Issue proposition. Mr. Fischer reported on efforts to communicate with members of the community regarding the bond issue. The Chair recognized Mr. McBride who raised the question regarding the reduction from 2 stations to 1 station and the suitability of the site selected for the single station and the impact on response time. There was discussion regarding his comments and he was thanked for his remarks.

The meeting next turned to discussion regarding the gear dryer which had been built for Station No. 1 and it was noted by Mr. Ford that it is working well and had cost approximately \$650.00 to construct. He suggested constructing the same unit for Station No. 2. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, to move forward with the construction of a gear dryer for Station No. 2 at approximately the same cost.

The meeting next turned to a discussion regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Godfrey for the exchange of property for a new fire station at the former Highway House property subject to the passage of the bond referendum. It was noted that a draft of the agreement had been circulated by legal counsel prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Rynders, and unanimously approved, to approve the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement subject to the approval of the Village of Godfrey.

It was reported that Unit 1420 had been disposed of by sale in the amount of \$1,800.00 due to the mechanical issues which had arisen in the unit. Mr. Hamburg advised that the vehicle had been delivered and that documents to transfer title had been executed.

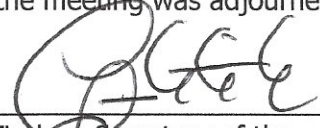
The meeting next turned to the good of the order. There was a question raised regarding a banner for the bond issue in approximately 10 feet by 4 feet in size and Mr. Hamburg indicated that he would explore this.

Mr. Hamburg advised that annual truck maintenance would be forthcoming and that it will be necessary to acquire replacement filters at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved to approve the purchase of the filters.

The Chair next moved to personnel matters and a motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved to move the meeting to closed session to discuss collective bargaining matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was approved by Trustees Rynders, Fischer, and Ford.

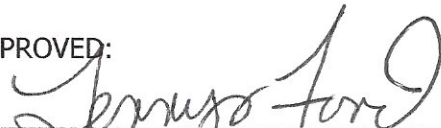
At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion was made to resume open session by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Rynders, and unanimously approved and the closed session was terminated and the meeting reopened. Mr. Ford announced that during the closed session, negotiations were conducted with Local 1692, but that no action had been taken.

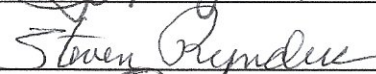
Thereafter, there being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

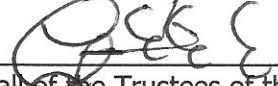


Gerard Fischer, Secretary of the
Board of Trustees

APPROVED:







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