

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On April 26, 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; Fire Chief Cranmer; current Department members Hamburg and Estes; Mr. Matt Horn; and legal counsel for the District were also present.

The Chair first inquired regarding announcements and presentations. The Fire Chief presented a plaque to Trustee Rynders for his years of service and dedication to the District, as Trustee Rynders' term as a Trustee for the District was soon coming to an end. All those in attendance applauded the presentation and Trustee Rynders.

The Chair next called for presentation of the minutes of the meeting held on March 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 March 31, 2021. The report reflected cash on hand in the General Fund of \$911,876.70, receipts during the month of \$34,834.14, and disbursements during the month of \$129,889.62 leaving a balance at March 31, 2021 of \$816,821.22. He also reported that the Audit Fund had a balance of \$92,504.30 and that Insurance Fund had a balance \$582,270.44 at March 31, 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 March 31, 2021 by budget, monthly budget, and year to date figures; the March 2021 Expenditure Report by budget line item reflecting March spending, year to date spending, and budget line item balance; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of March 31, 2021; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of March 31, 2021; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of March 31, 2021; the Agency Fund balance as of March 31, 2021; the Tax Receipts & Disbursements Summary Report through March, 2021; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for March 2021; and the Detail-Receipts &

Disbursements Report for March 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 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, to approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

The meeting next turned to the Board of Fire Commissioners Report. Mr. Sherman advised that the Fire Commission will soon begin its process to establish a new hire list.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report and Mr. Ford advised that there was no report to be made.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. Fire Chief reported 195 calls in the month of March 2021. Fire Chief reported that the District as applied for the AFG grant, and its application for a small equipment grant is pending decision. Fire Chief reported that Unit 1410 was disassembled and out of service, Unit 1422 is undergoing warranty work, and Unit 1400 is rusting away and its condition is worsening. Fire Chief advised that FF Estes was gathering bids for gutter/roof repair or replacement. Fire Chief reported that business inspections will likely begin in May 2021. Fire Chief informed the Board that ISO will be coming on May 5, 2021 for a survey and that he is presently working on pre-survey paperwork. Fire Chief reported that AC Wills is attending training. Fire Chief reported he is looking at the cost of bringing an advanced rapid auto-extrication class to the District, which would involve other area departments. Fire Chief reported he received a letter from Ed Burnley at Lewis & Clark who would like a space to put the college's new training trailer. Fire Chief reported that PPE status is good. A discussion was had regarding the guttering at the station. FF Estes advised that he spoke with Jun Construction about a new roof, but he has not yet received a written bid. FF Estes anticipates the cost will exceed the \$20,000 limit and will require formal bidding. Mr. Fischer expressed an interest in installing a new roof, rather than a repair, and potentially inquiring with the Village of Godfrey about its interest in sharing some of the expense. FF Estes recommended that the gutters be replaced entirely and not repaired. FF Hamburg had no specific report on apparatus, other than reiterating the red items, and reporting that Unit 1471 is due for new tires.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney advised that he had no report, but will discuss items later in the agenda.

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 which had already been discussed earlier in the meeting. No action was taken, and the Board will wait for Mr. Fischer to speak to the Village and FF Estes to return with appropriate bids.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of the 2021 Bond Issue. Legal counsel reported the District was awaiting information from Stifel and the Bond Counsel.

The meeting next turned to discussion of the HiWay House property. Legal counsel reported that it had not heard back from the attorney for the Village. Mr. Fischer advised he would be speaking with the Mayor soon. Mr. Ford reported that a Committee regarding the HiWay House will be formed in which Mr. Fischer will handle and oversee the financial portion of the work, Mr. Ford would handle and oversee the design and architect portion and work with the Chief on fire station design. Mr. Ford commented that the intention is to move quickly on the project because delays may happen and the cost of lumber is rapidly increasing. Mr. Ford noted that a Firefighter Advisory Committee made up of the Fire Chief and Firefighters Estes and Stratton will be formed to discuss and work on the design of the station, and Mr. Ford noted a Citizen Advisory Committee will be formed which will be chaired by incoming Trustee Matt Horn and will include other area citizens. Mr. Ford reported that the Board will make any final decisions based upon its review of the recommendations of the committees. Mr. Ford reported that the bond money may come in around the month of July. Fire Chief reported that he spoke with Laura at the Village's zoning department, and she advised that all concrete has been removed and there should only be dirt on the property.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of the FGM Agreement and Survey Agreement. Legal counsel advised that the documents were received very late in the day, and have not yet been reviewed. Legal counsel suggested approving the FGM Agreement subject to legal counsel review so the District can likely proceed with FGM prior to its next Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved to approve the FGM Agreement subject to review of the same by District legal counsel. Mr. Ford reported that he had a meeting with FGM the week prior and he was pleased with their responses to his

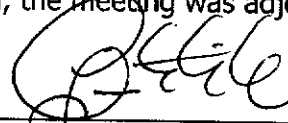
questions. Mr. Ford noted that bidding for the project might begin in August or September, and the District may need to speak with the State of Illinois regarding ingress and egress at the new station because it is located on a state highway. Mr. Ford discussed the survey of the property included both a boundary and topographical survey for approximately \$10,000, and he asked whether this should be tabled for the next meeting. Legal counsel suggested approving the survey agreement subject to legal review so there will be less of a delay. A motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved to approve the survey Agreement subject to review of the same by District legal counsel.

The meeting next turned to the good of the order. Mr. Fischer announced that St. Mary's Church will be holding a mass at 10:00AM on May 15, 2021 for all first responders regardless of faith.

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.

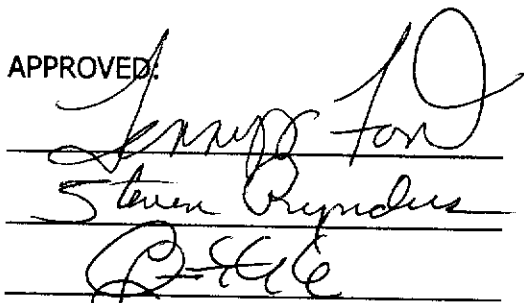
At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion was made to resume open session by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Rynders, and unanimously approved and the closed session was terminated and the meeting reopened. Mr. Ford announced that during the closed session, negotiations were conducted with Local 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:



Being all of the Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District