

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On February 22, 2016, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station No. 2, 1712 West Delmar, Godfrey, Illinois pursuant to the regular meeting schedule of the Board. The location of the meeting was changed from the Community Room of Liberty Bank, 3112 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois as a result of a scheduling error by the Bank with regard to the availability of the Community Room. A member of the Fire Department, Assistant Fire Chief Eric Cranmer, was posted at the Bank to direct persons desiring to attend the Board's meeting to the No. 2 Fire Station.

Attending the meeting were Trustees Rynders, Hand, and Ford. Fire Chief Kambarian; Fire Commissioners Clemons, Cox, and Sherman; members of the Fire Department; members of the public; and legal counsel for the District were also present.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2016 were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer next presented his report which included the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurance Funds as of January 31, 2016 reporting cash on hand at January 1, 2016 of \$883,999.78, receipts during the month of \$48,830.21, and disbursements during the month of \$111,170.87 leaving a balance at January 31, 2016 of \$821,659.12. The Treasurer reported the cash distribution of the District's funds and the fund designation which reflected the allocation of the designated and undesignated portions of the District's funds as well as the

District's depositories. The Treasurer also presented the January 2016 Expenditure Report reflecting monthly and year to date spending along with budget line item balance; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of January 31, 2016; the Tax Receipts and Disbursements Report through January 11, 2016; the Receipts & Disbursement YTD Comparison Report for January 2016; the Detail-Receipts & Expenditures Report for January 2016; the Bank Reconciliation Report as of January 31, 2016 for the Illinois Funds account; the Illinois Funds Statement for the period January 4, 2016 through January 31, 2016; the Reconciliation Summary for the Liberty Bank Checking Account for the period ending January 29, 2016; the Reconciliation Detail Report for the Liberty Bank Checking Account for the period ending January 29, 2016; the Liberty Bank Checking Account Statement dated January 29, 2016; the Carrollton Bank Money Market (BLDG) Reconciliation Summary for the period ending January 29, 2016; the Reconciliation Detail Report for the Carrollton Bank Money Market (BLDG) Account for the period ending January 29, 2016; and the Carrollton Bank Account Statement dated January 29, 2016. Thereafter, upon motion of Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved to approve bills as paid and to approve the payment of bills in the normal course of business in accordance with the usual bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. The President advised that there was no report.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. The Chief noted that he had prepared a written report which had been submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting.

The Chief advised that the Fire Department would be commencing a recordkeeping program with respect to cardiac medical calls responded to by the Fire Department.

The Chief reported that the Fire Department had participated in the "Heat Up St. Louis" fundraiser at the local Hardee's Restaurant and had raised over \$800 in sales of food and donations. He noted, in particular, that Department members Bellitto, Hayes, Warren, and Halliday had participated and the Chief recognized them for their service on their own time in the event. He also advised that the funds raised will remain in the local community.

The Chief advised that he has tasked Lieutenant Hamberg to obtain an estimate of the cost to refurbish one of the District's two KME fire apparatus units.

The Chief suggested continuing attention to maintenance items on apparatus in the red and yellow category. He noted that progress continues on those items.

The Chief advised that Tender 1460 had been taken to Mike's in South Roxana for repairs after having initially been taken to the Troy Truck Center for repair work which had not satisfactorily addressed the problem. The projected cost for the work at Mike's will be \$1,750.

The Chief reported that bay improvements at Station No. 1 had been completed.

The Chief reviewed the grant and donations requests which were pending. He noted that the District had received a \$500 grant from the Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery for EMS equipment. The Chief requested approval to apply to Firehouse Subs Foundation for a ZOL RES QCPR System and to Lowes Foundation for the repair of Station No.1's bay floor.

The Chief advised that work is commencing with regard to

business inspections for 2016.

The Chief suggested that a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners should be held in March in conjunction with the District Board meeting to proceed firefighter eligibility testing.

The Chief advised that a proposed special order remains pending with regard to pension disability coverage in connection with non-compensated training.

The Chief indicated that current plans for the 70th anniversary event will include an outside barbecue event which will be for active and retired members of the Department. He advised that Johnson's Corner has been contacted regarding catering the event with a projected cost of \$10.00 to \$13.00 per person.

The Chief reported to the Board regarding an offer from the City of Edwardsville Fire Department for a twenty foot welded aluminum EX-USCG buoy tender boat. The Chief described the boat and its potential use by the Department for water rescue on the Mississippi River.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney reported on further developments in connection with the Public Duty Rule which had been struck down by the Illinois Supreme Court in a recent ruling and which is the subject of a proposed legislative bills put forth by Senator Clayborne. The attorney also reported regarding a program being offered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal for public school inspection training.

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

The meeting next turned to old business. There was no old business.

The meeting next turned to new business.

The Board next up budget discussions for the upcoming fiscal year and Treasurer Ford presented to the Board a draft proposed budget for the next fiscal year with proposed adjustments from current spending. He noted that an increase in salaries for firefighters of 1.5% had been included which reflects the wage schedule in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He reviewed other items which had been reduced by various percentages in line with actual spending and projected revenues. Mr. Ford advised that the total spending as revised would be \$2,115,825 while the projected revenues of the District would total \$1,934,693 leaving a difference of \$181,142. This differential may be covered by the carryover balance from the current fiscal year, but that will not be known until later in the fiscal year and cannot necessarily be relied on in preparing the next fiscal year's budget. The Treasurer cautioned the Board and those in attendance that even with a carryover balance, there is a continuing downward trend in the District's ability to fund its operations. He advised that additional reductions in expenditures may be necessary in future years to address if new revenues are not forthcoming. Mr. Ford asked that other members of the Board and interested parties submit to him any additional considerations regarding the upcoming budget figures.

The meeting next turned to discussion of the acquisition of the offered boat from the City of Edwardsville Fire Department. The Board discussed the use of the boat if acquired, where it would be located, and training issues. The Chief advised that all training would occur would occur on shift so that no overtime would be incurred. He suggested that storage would likely occur at Station No. 2 and that the boat could be put in

the river at Piasa Harbor, the Alton Ski Club, or the Alton Marina. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Hand, and unanimously approved to obtain the boat at this time only for inspection purposes with a final determination as to whether the boat would be accepted to be made following that evaluation.

The President posed a question to the Chief regarding the status of the KME and other fire apparatus of the District. The Chief called upon Lieutenant Hamberg to address this with the Board. Mr. Hamberg indicated that while all of the pumps of the fire apparatus do pass and meet standards, valve issues continue to be a problem with the units affecting the pumping capacity of the units. He noted that if a unit is refurbished, that would likely also involve a pump overhaul. The Chief commented that a refurbishment would likely be directed to Unit 1422 as the Department's frontline pumper and with Unit 1410 as a reserve unit to be maintained but not refurbished.

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

Terry L. Ford, Secretary of the
Board of Trustees

APPROVED:

Being all of the Trustees of the
Godfrey Fire Protection District