

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On August 26, 2019, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held in the Community Room of Liberty Bank, 3112 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to the regular meeting schedule of the Board.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for retired Firefighter and former District Trustee Jim Miller. This was followed by the introduction of the newest member of the Fire Department, Joel Naylor. Mr. Naylor was welcomed with a round of applause.

The meeting next turned to presentation and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on July 22, 2019, and upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Fischer presented the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurance Fund as of July 31, 2019 which reflected cash on hand in the General Fund of \$57,956.73 at July 1, 2019, receipts in the General Fund during the month of \$308,511.41, and disbursements from the General Fund of \$144,735.73 for the month leaving a balance at July 31, 2019 of \$221,732.41. The Treasurer also reported that the Audit Fund had a cash balance at July 31, 2019 of \$93,005.53; and the Insurance Fund had a balance of \$491,734.76, leaving a combined total cash balance at July 31, 2019 of \$806,472.70 for all funds. The Treasurer provided the Cash on Hand Distribution Report reflecting the various deposits held by the District at July 31, 2019 and the Fund Designation Report at that date. Additionally, the Board packet included the Cash on Hand Report on a combined basis as of July 31, 2019 providing a budget, monthly, and year to date figures; the July 2019 Expenditure Report by budget line item; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of July 31, 2019; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of July 31, 2019; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of July 31, 2019; the Agency Fund as of July 31, 2019; the Tax Receipts and Disbursement Report through July 16, 2019; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for July 2019; the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for July

2019; the Carrollton Bank Rescue Fund Account Statement dated July 31, 2019; the Carrollton Bank Ringering Family Agency Account dated July 31, 2019; the Carrollton Bank Warner Family Agency Account dated July 31, 2019; the Illinois Funds Investors Statement for the period July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019; a Reconciliation Summary for the Liberty Bank Checking Account for the period ending July 31, 2019; the Reconciliation Detail Report for the Liberty Bank Checking Account for the period ending July 31, 2019; and the Liberty Bank Checking Account Statement dated July 31, 2019. Thereafter, upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The meeting next turned to payment of bills. Mr. Rynders made a motion to pay the bills of the District as same come due during the course of regular business in accordance with the usual bill payment procedure of the District. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved

The Chair next called upon the Board of Fire Commissioners for its report. Mr. Sherman advised that eligibility testing had occurred with 18 candidates testing for a position with the District. Oral examinations are pending and a final eligibility list will be generated thereafter.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. There was no report.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's report. In the absence if the Chief, it was noted that his written report was contained in the Board packet and that items requiring action would be considered later in the meeting.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's report. There was no report.

The meeting next turned to public comments. A member of the audience requested the opportunity to speak to items on the agenda as same are addressed by the Board.

The meeting next turned to Old Business.

The Board took up the question of replacement of Unit 1452. It was noted that the Chief had included in the Board packet a proposal through the NWMC Suburban Purchasing Cooperative with Napleton Fleet Group for a Dodge Ram 1500 Crew cab pickup truck for replacement of Unit 1452. The quotation was reviewed. It was noted there was a base price of \$23,659.00, however, the Chief's report did not contain a breakdown of additional items which would be included with the purchase. Comments were received by the Board from members of the Department including Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hamburg, and Mr. Wills. The question of the suitability of the proposed vehicle to replace Unit 1452 was discussed in detail. The condition of Unit 1452 was discussed. Suggestions were made that the proposed replacement unit would

not be the best choice given the needs of the Department. There was discussion regarding a budget amount for replacement of the unit. There was a suggestion that the District consider purchasing a used ambulance to serve the purpose of Unit 1452. After extensive discussion, it was the consensus that the purchase of a replacement for Unit 1452 would be deferred until the return of the Chief at which time a working committee would be formed to include a member of the Board, the Fire Chief, and members of the Department to present a proposal for a replacement of Unit 1452.

The meeting next turned to New Business.

The first item of new business to be considered was the KME preconstruction letter which included additions and deletions from the proposal for the construction of the new fire apparatus based upon the preconstruction meeting attended by the Fire Chief and Firefighters Wilson and Hamburg. It was noted that the Chief's report included a copy of the most recent preconstruction letter. A representative of the dealer was present. There was discussion regarding various items which had been deleted including a lube system, an intake, a microphone box, and compartment size changes. A question arose regarding the additional cost of \$544.00 which had been incurred as a consequence of the preconstruction conference. After discussion, the dealer's representative advised that in exchange for deleting the requirement that paper manuals be provided, the additional charge over the original contract price would be absorbed. Thereafter, upon motion of Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Rynders, the preconstruction letter was approved subject to the total cost of the truck being stated in the letter and the deletion of paper manuals and the adjustment of the purchase price by a \$544.00 credit to maintain the original pricing of the apparatus. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting next turned to discussion and action regarding matters requesting action in the Fire Chief's Report.

The first of these items included a request that Captain Wills be authorized to expend up to \$800.00 for public education materials in connection with Fire Prevention Week. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved to approve the request.

A request was made by the Chief to authorize Captain Wills to expend up to \$800.00 on the annual Open House. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, to approve the request.

The Board next took up a discussion of the Chief's request for replacement of lifting bags at a cost of \$6,100.00 due to the current equipment of the Department being out of service and not repairable. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, to approve the replacement as requested. There followed a discussion regarding the use of memorial funds which had been received in honor Jacob Ringering from Volunteer Firemen's insurance and the use of those monies for coins and emblems versus application to the lifting bag expense. After extensive discussion, including the discussion of the need for an equipment replacement plan, the motion to approve the purchase of the lifting bags from general funds of the District was approved.

The meeting next took up the request of the Chief to expend the donation of \$5,000.00 in honor of Captain Ringering from VFIS for coins and emblems. It was the consensus to defer a decision on the application of the donated funds pending provision of the Chief of itemized cost breakdown.

The meeting next turned to a review of closed session minutes. The attorney suggested that no minutes which of closed sessions would be appropriate for disclosure at this time. Based on that recommendation, no action was taken to make closed session minutes available for disclosure.

The meeting next turned to the Good of the Order.

It was reported that there would be an event on August 29, 2019 at the Simmons Firm Roof Top facility for a check presentation at 7:00 p.m. It was suggested that representatives of the District should attend the event.

It was reported that the Department would be working bingo at the Firemen's Hall in Collinsville on September 6 and participation was suggested.

It was reported that the St. Ambrose School would be doing fundraising for the Fire Department.

It was noted that the Shivers Ice Cream Shop donates proceeds periodically to the Department.

In response to a question, it was reported that the GoFundMe account started by the Godfrey Mayor is being applied to the new fire truck.

The meeting next turned to personnel matters. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters as set out in the agenda of the meeting.

Following the closed session, the meeting returned to open session upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved. The Chair announced that no action was taken in the closed session and that personnel matters were discussed including collective bargaining matters. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, to deny the grievance filed by Local 1692. The Chair advised that a written decision would be issued within three days.

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