

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District regular monthly meeting was held at Station One located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois, 60561 on January 17, 2007.

Members present:

Mr. Jack Mancione, President
Mr. Robert Klein, Secretary
Mr. Frank Burns, Treasurer
Mr. George Nelson, Trustee
Mr. Thomas Cameli, Trustee
Chief Administrator R. Tinucci
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Recording Secretary

Workshop called to order at 6:20 p.m. Roll call: Frank Burns, present; George Nelson, present; Thomas Cameli, present; Robert Klein, present; Jack Mancione, present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

At 6:30 p.m., President Mancione called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Kathy Trapp was the recording secretary. Roll Call: Frank Burns, present; Thomas Cameli, present; George Nelson, present; Robert Klein, present; Jack Mancione, present.

Reading of Minutes:

President Mancione requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 14, 2006 regular business meeting and approve them as written. Robert Klein so moved. Thomas Cameli seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli, aye; Frank Burns, abstain; George Nelson, aye; Robert Klein, aye; Jack Mancione, abstain. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Burns read the December Treasurer's Report that included vendors and payroll. President Mancione requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. George Nelson so moved. Robert Klein seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli, aye; Frank Burns, aye; George Nelson, aye; Robert Klein, aye; Jack Mancione, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Approved.

President Mancione requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$801,411. Robert Klein so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli, aye; Frank Burns, aye; George Nelson, aye; Robert Klein, aye; Jack Mancione, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Approved.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Broida informed the board there was a pending class action lawsuit about to be settled by homeowners who have suffered contaminated wells in the Downers Grove area. This area includes Station 2 at 5901 Belmont. It is Mr. Broida's belief that due to the fire district not being a residence, would not be able to share in the results of the lawsuit. Attorney Broida will investigate whether the district should pursue a case on its own, and he will present a report when the report is finished.

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Old Business:

A. None

New Business:

A. Provide for Temporary Quarters Downers Grove Fire Department – Chief Administrator Tinucci advised that Downers Grove Fire Department is rebuilding their fire station at 55th and Main Streets. Chief Ruscetti of Downers Grove asked if the district would consider co-habiting Station 2 while their new station is being built. Chief Administrator Tinucci brought it to staff and Union President Richard Sanborn. O/C Messenger had a preliminary meeting with Downers Grove deputy chief. O/C Messenger gave a report of his meeting. It appears that the co-habitation plan will work. Downers Grove Fire Department is looking to house an engine and three personnel at our Station 2. The chiefs are awaiting approval of the board. Chief Administrator Tinucci advised that he plans to follow up through staff, with all of our personnel and the union. The period of occupation should be approximately eighteen months beginning some time prior to April 1. There would be no additional costs to the district, and they would share costs with us such as utilities. Frank Burns moved to authorize Chief Administrator Tinucci to continue planning to work out the details subject to final board approval when the whole story is put in front of the board. Robert Klein seconded. There was discussion by the board. Frank Burns withdrew his motion. Robert Klein withdrew his second. Frank Burns moved to authorize the chief to research the situation and get it as fully defined as possible and bring to the board for final approval. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli, aye; Frank Burns, aye; George Nelson, aye; Robert Klein, aye; Jack Mancione, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Approved.

B. Referendum Considerations for April 17, 2007 – Trustee Burns referred to the updated financial model in the board packets. He advised the board that they need to make a decision as to whether to ask the voters once again for a tax increase. Trustee Burns discussed the updated model using conservative assumptions he and the chief agreed on. He indicated that if we don't do anything, the district will have a balanced budget for the next several years. Service levels and capital equipment will not be all right. If the trustees considered the previous tax increase of \$13 per \$100,000 of market value, it would permit the district to restore the service levels that were lost and would permit us to replace the people that were lost and create a capital budget for equipment that would carry us comfortably into the future. Mr. Burns feels the district has an obligation to give the taxpayers another opportunity to restore service levels. There was discussion by the board. The board invited Richard Sanborn, President, Darien-Woodridge Professional Firefighters Association, Local 4347 to speak.

Richard Sanborn, President of Darien-Woodridge Professional Firefighters Union Local 3437, deferred to Tom Willis, District 4 representative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois. Mr. Willis expressed the union's dissatisfaction with the management of the district and the debt incurred. He spoke on behalf of Darien-Woodridge union membership regarding their concerns for the future of the district, their safety, residents' safety and their livelihood.

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The board continued to discuss referendum alternatives. Attorney Broida advised that the ordinance authorizing the referendum to get on the ballot will have to be approved by no later than February 8, 2007, so a special meeting may be required.

Trustee Cameli raised a concern about continually going to the taxpayers for additional funds. If the referendum passed, he also expressed his concern over how the excess funds would be used. He stated he would like to see a plan for the excess funds to ensure the district is more fiscally responsible. Trustee Burns stated that the plan is to restore staffing and provide seed money for capital equipment replacement. There was further discussion as to the plans for the use of the money.

George Nelson made a motion to authorize the preparation of an ordinance for issue to go to the public for referendum and to prepare a companion ordinance to designate how surplus funds will be spent. Thomas Cameli seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli, aye; Frank Burns, aye; George Nelson, aye; Robert Klein, aye; Jack Mancione, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Approved.

Correspondence:

An overview was given by President Mancione.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Chief Administrator Tinucci stated that he deferred his report on a non-precedential basis so the union could make their statement.

Public Comment: Richard Sanborn, President of Darien-Woodridge Professional Firefighters Union Local 3437, deferred to Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Legal Counsel J. Dale Berry to speak on behalf of the membership. Mr. Berry advised the board that the union local has no confidence in the chief administrator of this district and that the local officials would like to speak to the board of trustees without fear of retaliation. President Mancione requested that Richard Sanborn follow up in writing with the local's concerns and they would set up what they had discussed.

The trustees tentatively set up a meeting for Monday, January 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the referendum question and companion ordinance.

President Mancione requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Klein so moved. George Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli, aye; Frank Burns, aye; George Nelson, aye; Robert Klein, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Robert G. Klein, Secretary

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