

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District was held at Station One located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois on November 18, 2009.

Members present:

Mr. Robert Klein, President
Mr. James Palatine, Trustee
Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee
Mr. George Nelson, Trustee

Chief Wayne Messenger
Bureau Director Robert Morris
Mr. Ronald J. Broida, Attorney
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Recording Secretary

Workshop called to order at 6:15 p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present, Sharon Cattaneo absent, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson absent. It was determined that a quorum was present.

At 6:32 p.m. President Klein called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: James Palatine present, Sharon Cattaneo absent, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson absent. It was determined that a quorum was present.

In the absence of Secretary George Nelson, Trustee James Palatine was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

Reading of Minutes:

President Klein requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting and approve them as written. James Palatine so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank Burns read the October Treasurer's Report which included vendors and payroll. President Klein requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. James Palatine so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye. 3 ayes 0 nays. Approved

Trustee George Nelson arrived at 6:36 p.m.

President Klein requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$647,745. James Palatine so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes 0 nays. Approved

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Broida commented that the district would consider the tax levy ordinance in December. Due to the small amount of funds the district will receive, an increase of 5 percent would be sufficient to capture any new growth. Since the district will not exceed 5 percent, there will be no need for a public hearing or publication in the newspaper.

Old Business:

- A. Evaluation of the Board and Fire Chief/Administrator – A draft of the evaluation was distributed. James Palatine suggested that the trustees and the chief review it and funnel any changes to Trustee Klein.
- B. Discussion of Co-Habiting Station 2 with Downers Grove Fire Department – no report

New Business

- A. Approval Worker's Compensation Agreement – Chief Messenger reviewed both proposals. Illinois Public Risk Fund quoted \$330,706 and Illinois Public Employer Plan quoted \$271,419. Chief Messenger

recommended that the district accept the Illinois Public Employer Plan. Chief Messenger advised that Attorney Broida reviewed the plan documents. Attorney Broida indicated he compared the new proposal from IPEP to the old plan from IPRF. He indicated they are substantially the same except the new plan provides for reinsurance. There is a savings of \$32,000 by going with the IPEP plan. Since everything looks to be in order, Attorney Broida recommended the approval of the installment agreement with Illinois Public Employer Plan and to approve Resolution 09-R-3, Approving Worker's Comp Agreement. Frank Burns so moved. James Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes 0 nays. Approved

- B. Approval of Resolution 09-R-3, Approving Agreement with Illinois Public Employees Plan – see above.
- C. Approval of Transition Agreement with Fire & Security Systems – Attorney Broida reviewed the termination of the alarm monitoring agreement with Fire & Security Systems. The district is working to put the new vendor into place (Chicago Metropolitan Fire Protection). The district has been in discussions with the attorneys with Fire & Security Systems to work out a protocol as to how to transition from the old vendor to the new; and it hasn't gone as well as hoped. There was extensive discussion by the board who directed Attorney Broida to see if we could address the concerns of Fire & Security Systems by changing to an extension and a transition agreement.
- D. Approval of Ordinance 09-0-3 Acknowledging the Creation of a Foreign Fire Insurance Board –As Attorney Broida advised, fire protection districts must create and maintain a board to spend Foreign Fire Insurance Funds for the benefit and maintenance of the fire protection district. This board should consist of seven trustees that includes the chief and six other sworn firefighters that are elected by the membership. Ordinance 09-0-3 ensures that Darien-Woodridge will comply with the law. Frank Burns moved to approve Ordinance 09-0-3 Acknowledging the Creation of a Foreign Fire Insurance Board. James Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes 0 nays. Approved
- E. Approval of 2010 Meeting Dates – 3rd Wednesday of the Month – After some discussion, it was agreed by the Board to continue meeting the third Wednesday of each month for the year 2010.

Correspondence

Overview by Chief Messenger.

Chief Administrator's Report

Chief Messenger gave highlights of his report.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report

No report.

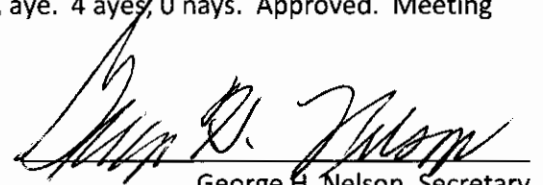
Public Comment

No public comment.

Closed Session

No closed session

President Klein requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Burns so moved. James Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



George H. Nelson, Secretary