

**Minutes of the October 22, 2015  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
West Chicago Fire Protection District  
Held at 7:00 pm at  
200 Fremont Street, West Chicago, IL**

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Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dave Janaes with Trustee Charles Bratcher, Trustee Bonnie Gagliardi, Trustee Jim Grobe and Trustee Pat Murphy present. Also present was Attorney Joe Miller, Chief Pat Tanner, Assistant Chief Tim Leidig, Accountant James Howard from Governmental Accounting and Administrative Assistant Joy Edminson. Also present was Lt. Jim Buenrostro and Firefighter/Medic Greg Zudis.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Grobe made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher, motion passed.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on September 24, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Bratcher made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy, motion passed.

President Janaes requested that the Closed Session minutes not be released at this time.

James Howard gave a Power Point presentation on the Financial Analysis for the four (4) months ended September 30, 2015. Hard copy included with Minutes. No questions from the Board.

The Financial Report/Chart of Accounts ending September 30, 2015 and the Accounts Payable of \$198,004.15 and Payroll of \$406,548.86 for September 25, 2015 through October 22, 2015 totaling \$604,553.01 were presented. Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented, Trustee Murphy seconded. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Gagliardi - Aye    Trustee Murphy - Aye    Trustee Bratcher - Aye  
Trustee Grobe        - Aye    Trustee Janaes    - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL** Chief Tanner informed the Board that Assistant Chief Leidig and himself met with the DuPage Airport Authority and discussed a five year IGA instead of the current three year IGA and the repurposing of some contract sections. A contract is being drawn up by the Airport Authority attorney and will then be presented to the Board, looks like it will be in January 2016.

Chief Tanner handed out information on the Prairie Landings Project for a Manufacturing and Warehouse Facility. Hand out shows proposed Prairie Landing Project Abatement Tax costs for 2017 – 2026 compared to the Golf Course figures. No action at this time.

Chief Tanner discussed the Fox River/Countryside Referendum coming up in March. Chief Tanner met with the Fire Chiefs from South Elgin, Elburn and St. Charles to be proactive and come up with a short term plan if the Referendum does not pass. Discussion had on that short term plan.

**FINANCIAL/ PLANNING:** Nothing at this time.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Chief Tanner informed the Board that the new hire will start November 16, 2015.

**EQUIPMENT/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:** Nothing at this time.

**DIVISIONAL REPORTS:**

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Nothing at this time.

**COMPUTERS:** Nothing at this time.

**COMMISSIONERS/ COMMUNITY LIAISON:** Trustee Janaes reported that the WCFPD Commissioners have secured the new firefighter as mentioned above. Janaes also reminded the Board of the next Coffee with the Mayor to be held on the last Saturday of the month.

Janaes reported that the annual fish fry held in conjunction with the West Chicago Park District was a big success.

**UNION LOCAL 3970:** Firefighter/Medic Greg Zudis thanked the Board on behalf of Local 3970 for their help and support for the fourth annual "Chili for a Cure" fundraiser held October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hawthorne's Backyard

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS: Truth in Taxation Determination Finding:** A power point presentation on the 2015 Proposed Tax Levy was given by Accountant James Howard. Hard copy included with minutes. The Discussion Points were as follows...

- Primary source of revenue to operate the District is property tax
- CPI for 2015 Levy = 0.8% (Second Lowest in last 8 years)
- EAV is estimated to increase a total of 3.0% to 756,600,296
- New growth is estimated at 1,500,000
- EAV increase will result in decrease in aggregate tax rate as well as individual tax rates (District is capped back as a result of PTELL)
- Current model is at 4.99%

Attorney Miller reminded the Board that the Levy must be filed by the last Tuesday in December.

Chief Tanner showed the Board a video on the Ferno INX battery operated ambulance stretcher. The Chief pointed out the percentage of calls that are ambulance calls, how the INX can help prevent back injuries of Medics, how the shoulder restraints will prevent the patient from pushing forward on the stretcher in an accident or fast stop, how the height differences in medics that can strain backs won't be an issue with the INX. Hand outs were given to the Board and the Chief took questions.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to purchase one Ferno INX battery operated ambulance stretcher in the amount of \$32,196.00, Trustee Gagliardi seconded. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye	Trustee Gagliardi - Aye	Trustee Bratcher - Aye
Trustee Grobe - Aye	Trustee Janaes - Aye	

Motion passed 5 - 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Discussion had on meeting date for November's meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November falls on a Holiday (Thanksgiving). The Board agreed on meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** None at this time.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS:** Joe Miller informed the Board of the upcoming Northern Illinois Alliance Conference in January 2016 at the Oak Brook Hilton. Miller also reminded the Board of the Advanced Trustees Trainings coming up in November and January. Miller shared that there is no update on Church Street.

**CLOSED SESSION:** No need to go into closed session.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION:** No Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Trustee Bratcher and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

**Next Meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,



Jim Grobe  
Secretary