Minutes of the October 26, 2017
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

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Bratcher with Trustee Anthony Gagliardi, Trustee Jim Grobe and Trustee Pat Murphy present. Also present was Attorney Joe Miller from Ottosen Britz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNolfo, Ltd., Chief Pat Tanner, Assistant Chief Tim Leidig, Accountant James Howard from Governmental Accounting and Administrative Assistant Joy Edininson. Trustee Steve Usedom joined the meeting just after roll call.

Others in attendance: Deputy Chief Hugh Stott, Firefighter/Paramedic Jake Herrmann Firefighter/Paramedic Louis Carre and Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Zudis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2017 were reviewed. Two corrections were discussed: the date on page one in the heading should read - Minutes of the September 28, 2017 and on page three, under Adjournment - the vote should be 4-0.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes with the above two corrections, the motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi, motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:
Accountant James Howard presented a Power Point presentation on the Financial Analysis for the four (4) months ending September 30, 2017. Hard copy included with Minutes. Trustee Bratcher asked for explanation of the Sale of Surplus Revenue figures, explanation given. No other questions from the Board.

Lieutenant Jim Buenrostro joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

James Howard also presented the 2017 Proposed Tax Levy. The Power Point presentation covered:
- Discussion Points
  - Property Taxes are primary source of revenue to operate the District
  - CPI = 2.1% (Second highest in last 7 years)
  - EAV is estimated to increase a total of 3.0% to 833,762,365
  - New growth is estimated at 3,500,000 (Prior year 4,320,360)
  - EAV increase will result in decrease in aggregate tax rate. (District is capped back as a result of PTELL)
  - Current models do not require publication or hearing in accordance with Truth in Taxation Act < 5% (Current Model at 4.99%)
- Historical Tax Levy Detail – DuPage County
- CPI, EAV & Tax Rate Graphs
- Taxing Districts Percentages
- PTELL Reduction
  - 2.39% Over last year’s extension
  - New money = $193,220 (Ops $98,693; Pension $87,703; Debt $6,823)
  - Annual tax increase for taxpayer of $225,000 Fair Value = $17
  - PTELL Reduction of .9662
No questions from the Board.

The Financial Report/Chart of Accounts ending September 30, 2017 and the Accounts Payable for September 29, 2017 through October 26, 2017 of $146,436.58 and Payroll of $314,006.84 for September 29, 2017 through October 26, 2017 for a total expenditure of $460,443.42 were presented. Trustee Grobe made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented, Trustee Gagliardi seconded. Roll call vote showed:

        Trustee Grobe   - Aye  Trustee Gagliardi - Aye  Trustee Usedom - Aye
        Trustee Murphy - Aye  Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL: Chief Pat Tanner shared that the next quarterly Intergovernmental meeting will be hosted by West Chicago Fire Protection District on Monday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Kress Road Training facility. Meeting is open to the public.

FINANCIAL/PLANNING: No Report.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

- ADMINISTRATION: Chief Tanner reported on the Rescue Task Force. The Chief, Assistant Chief Leidig and Firefighter/Paramedic Rick Ciszewski will be attending the meeting regarding Fire and Police department’s response to an active shooter. Chief Tanner would like all county Police and Fire Chiefs involved. Chief Tanner explained how important proper equipment is in active shooter incidents.

- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Chief Tanner explained the latest drug epidemic and the importance of proper precautions and equipment for all personnel. The Chief met with Hospital personnel and is meeting with the Police Department on Tuesday, October 31st to discuss precautions for responding members.

- FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION: No Report.

- FIRE SUPPRESSION AND TRAINING: Chief Tanner shared that November and December are jam packed with trainings including Air pack simulations and ARFF trainings.

- BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT/FLEET/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: No Report.

COMMISSIONERS/COMMUNITY LIAISON: The Chief reported that agreements have been settled by the arbitrator regarding military points. Points will be (6) six months of time plus days of service.

UNION LOCAL 3970: No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS:
Attorney Miller and Chief Tanner explained Ordinance 2017-O-09 regarding mandatory retirement age. Discussion on whether 65 means the day member turns 65 or does it mean 65 plus 364 days. The Chief requests that the Ordinance have clearly established language regarding age.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve Ordinance #2017-O-09. An Ordinance establishing a mandatory retirement age for the West Chicago Fire Protection District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Usedom. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye  Trustee Usedom - Aye  Trustee Grobe - Aye
Trustee Gagliardi - Aye  Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 5 - 0.

Chief Tanner presented the Board with the revised LED Lights projected costs. There was discussion on the increase in cost from what was previously budgeted. The new cost is for the complete replacement of lamps and fixtures after incentives for Stations 5, 6, 7 and 8. Cost also includes partial replacement for the Kress Road Training facility. All replacements will be completed by December 31, 2017.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement LED lights and fixtures for all fire stations in the amount of $37,390.08 to reduce the District's carbon footprint and reduce annual energy costs. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Gagliardi - Aye  Trustee Grobe - Aye  Trustee Usedom - Aye
Trustee Murphy - Aye  Trustee Bratcher - Aye

Motion passed 5 - 0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

MISCELLANEOUS: Trustee Bratcher requested that the November meeting be switched to Thursday, November 16th due to the regular meeting date being on Thanksgiving Day. Board approved moving the meeting to November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Joe Miller informed the Board that Vlad Shaliga is leaving Ottosen Briz Kelly Cooper Gilbert & DiNoia, Ltd. Miller also informed the Board that the Illinois General Assembly overrode the Veto on House Bill 2778 regarding annexations. The Bill will become effective on January 1, 2018.
CLOSED SESSION: None needed.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Usedom and seconded by Trustee Murphy to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The Next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Grobe
Secretary