

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2006**

Call to Order

President Joseph Kelly called the meeting of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse. Group assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee.....Joseph Kelly
Trustee.....Patrick Lorenz
Trustee.....Steve Stratakos
Chief.....William Doherty
Deputy Chief.....Frederick Vollinger
Assistant Chief.....Edmund Murphy
Commissioner.....Jerry Dietz
Commissioner.....Joseph Kaech
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana
Attorney.....Dan Austin (7:35 p.m.)
Recording Secretary.....Kelly Kulzer

**Public Hearing – Tax
Levy Ordinance**

President Kelly opened the meeting to the public for the tax levy ordinance.

Public Query: Purpose of tax levy

President Kelly cited purpose of tax levy as providing for operating expenses. Accountant Terry Coleman explained that taxes would be levied on new buildings going up within the boundaries of Roberts Park, but that the tax cap on existing individual homeowners is 3.4%, which the District cannot exceed. Taxes are no longer being levied for bonds, which have been paid off.

Public Query: Automatic incorporation onto residents’ tax bills next year

President Kelly noted that it would be automatically incorporated, but reiterated that the tax cap of 3.4% could not be exceeded.

Public Query: Effect upon residences outside the boundaries of the District

President Kelly and Chief Doherty explained that residences outside the District boundaries would not be taxed unless those individuals voted to annex into the Roberts Park Fire Protection District.

Trustee Berkowicz of the Village of Justice: Incorporation of tax levy into April referendum

President Kelly noted that the tax levy is unrelated to the April referendum. The taxes would be in addition to the monies paid by the Village of Justice per contract; Chief Doherty will provide Trustee Berkowicz with a copy of said contract.

President Kelly closed the meeting to the public.

**Ordinance No. 06-O-04:
Tax Levy Ordinance**

President Kelly entertained a motion to pass Ordinance No. 06-O-04, an ordinance levying taxes for the fiscal year of May 2006 to April 2007. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Seconded by Trustee Lorenz. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos, aye. So approved.

Bid Opening

Chief Doherty presented the following bids received for One New Type III Modular Ambulance.

Foster Coach Sales
Sterling, IL
Steve Foster
\$116,816.00
Prepayment discount of \$4,226.00
Final cost: \$112,590.00

Osage Ambulance
St. Louis, MO
Robert Zaitz
\$113,385.00

President Kelly moved to present the specs to the ambulance committee for evaluation and a final decision. Seconded by Trustee Lorenz. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Open to the Floor

Public query: Type of ambulance and purpose of purchase

Chief Doherty specified that the bid was for a new Type III modular ambulance to replace a Roberts Park ambulance being taken out of service.

President Kelly closed the meeting to the public.

Board Approval

Minutes – Regular Meeting

President Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2006 as presented. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Minutes – Closed Session

Trustee Stratakos moved to accept the minutes of the November 21st closed session as presented. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Accounts Payable & Treasurer's Report

Trustee Lorenz made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending December 12th in the amount of \$77,979.94. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz also moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Budget Review

Currently, revenues are running slightly ahead of expected, and expenditures slightly less than expected. President Kelly thanked the District staff for a job well done.

Reports of Officials

Chief

Chief Doherty has researched McClure & Associates' workers' compensation insurance proposal. Imperial Casualty, the carrier, has been in business since 1966, with a good record. IPRF, the current carrier, must be given a 90 day notice before cancellation; therefore we are paying our premium for the current month and taking a more time to evaluate our options. IPRF's yearly premium is \$154,684.00; McClure & Associates' premium is estimated at \$144,395.00. Chief Doherty will review and provide further information to the Board.

A Northern Alliance of Fire Protection Districts conference will be held from February 8-11th; the registration deadline is January 12th. The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts is also holding an administrative training session. Please advise if you will be attending either.

Chief Doherty presented the Trustees with the Officers' Agreement minus the wage schedule, which he is currently working on. The Chief would like to pass the Agreement as presented.

President Kelly entertained a motion to pass the Officers' Agreement as presented with the exception of Appendix A, the wage schedule. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Seconded by Trustee Stratakos. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

The District's health insurance co-op has given the option for employees to purchase additional life insurance through their employer. The District would be required to pass an ordinance in order to allow employees to do this. The Chief will present this ordinance at the January Trustees Meeting.

Chief Doherty is also researching options for part-time employees to purchase health insurance through the department. The premiums would be paid in entirety

by the employee through a payroll deduction. The Chief will research and provide further information.

The Trustees Meeting schedule for the calendar year of 2007 will be the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., and will be published as such.

Deputy Chief

The 2005 FEMA grant is closed. The grant was used to purchase an LCD projector and laptop for fire prevention. The minor excess cost was paid by the District.

The driver training program will be effective the first of the year. Annual drivers license checks for all employees will commence in January as District ID cards are distributed.

TRT team validation concluded last Saturday, with future make-up dates scheduled. 175 Hazmat technicians were validated as well. The District will have to purchase new Level A training suits, as currently there are only 4 or 6 suits available.

Assistant Chief

The CAD system is up and running, with the next step being connecting Station 2, which can't be done until Oak Lawn upgrades their software, hopefully after January 1st.

Commissioners

Battalion Chief testing is scheduled for February 3, 2007. A seminar workshop for the candidates is scheduled for January 9, 2007.

Commissioner Dietz noted that the Chief's Association is not charging this time for the seminar as they had a series of classes that had to be cancelled.

Attorney

Settlement figures on the Standard Bank tax objection are soon to be obtained from the other party's attorney.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Trustee Stratakos moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.