

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

Call to Order

Trustee 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 (7:33 p.m.)
Chief.....William Doherty
Deputy Chief.....Frederick Vollinger
Assistant Chief.....Edmund Murphy
Commissioner.....Joseph Kaech
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana
Attorney.....Rich Jalovec (7:33 p.m.)
Recording Secretary.....Kelly Kulzer

Commissioner Dietz was unable to attend.

Open to the Floor

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

Board Approval

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Trustee Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2006 as presented. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Trustee Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

Minutes – Closed Session

President Kelly entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the November 14th closed session as presented. So moved by Trustee Lorenz. Trustee Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

Accounts Payable & Treasurer’s Report

Trustee Kelly made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending November 21st in the amount of \$122,574.61. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz also moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. Trustee Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. So approved.

Budget Review

At halfway point of fiscal year, revenues are ahead of budget, and expenditures are running less than expected.

Reports of Officials

Chief

The District's Worker's Compensation renewal is coming up on December 15th. The Chief is obtaining quotes from another company involved in the market of fire protection districts, McClure & Associates. Their proposal is approximately \$20,000.00 less than IPRF, our current carrier; however, their limit of coverage is \$1 million, and IPRF's is \$2.5 million. McClure & Associates' quote is also based upon them compiling enough districts so that they've got a \$2 million pool. The Chief will research further for the next meeting.

Ambulance bids are out, and we've had 4 pickups thus far. The bid opening is at the next meeting.

As of January 1st, there will a change in the Open Meetings Act. Currently, if two people meet, it's considered an open meeting. As of January 1st, this will also include gatherings in person, on video, on the telephone, and through email. It also includes discussions held in chatrooms and over internet messenger programs.

The District filed its exempt property affidavit with the Cook County Assessor's Office.

The District received a thank you from the principal of Player School, Kelly Doogan. The District does a lot of public education with them, including supervising fire drills, giving awards during fire prevention week, and sponsoring field trips to the firehouse.

Beginning December of this year, Chief Doherty will be the next President of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

The next meeting is December 12th. At that time, the Board will have to decide if it wants to retain the current meeting schedule of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Deputy Chief

The 2005 FEMA grant will be closed out by January 1st, after a few adjustments due to rule changes.

The HAZMAT team began FIT testing for SCBAs; as they are a different type of face piece, they must be tested before they're put on the rig.

Driver evaluations will be conducted with personnel by supervisors until at least the first of the year.

The Deputy Chief attended a meeting at Oak Lawn Central to address the CAD system. They're also trying to set up satellite receivers around the outside of Oak Lawn, and potentially getting Roberts Park into a repeater system. The Deputy

Chief is discussing it further with Bedford Park and Bridgeview, both of whom used to be in repeater systems.

The Deputy Chief received a proposal from Digitron Security to mount the fire alarm system, as it currently doesn't go anywhere. He's awaiting more proposals, but the yearly cost is estimated to be \$350 - \$400, in addition to the initial cost of the equipment, which is approximately \$500.

He attended a School District 109 safety meeting, at which they addressed various safety issues with the police department, and took suggestions from the District regarding pre-planning to make the buildings more accessible to emergency personnel.

Assistant Chief

There was a problem with the Station 2 communications systems due to server setting changes, which has since been resolved.

The Assistant Chief has been appointed to an advisory board by the State Fire Marshal's Office, an Equipment Distributors and Employee Qualifications advisory board. It addresses putting ducts in restaurants, hotels, and other public cooking areas.

Commissioners

All three Commissioners attended the IFPCA seminar last month, and found the modules to be very interesting and informative.

They are currently working on finishing up the Commissioners' rules and regulations, as well as scheduling tentative test dates for Battalion Chiefs; they hope to have a date for the latter by the next meeting.

Attorney

The 83rd Street property annexation was completed successfully.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Don Fontana attended a Pension Board seminar along with John Szeszycki and Don Huenecke. on November 3rd regarding the rules and regulations of the investment of pensions.

Adjournment

President Kelly moved to recess the regular meeting and convene a closed session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss the Officers' Agreement. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Trustee Lorenz moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.