



*Budget Review*

With nine months of the year gone as of January 31, 2007, revenues are at 70.43%, expenditures at 69.14%.

**Reports of Officials**

*Chief*

The balance in the Operating Fund is getting low; we need to transfer money from the Ambulance to the Operating Fund until we begin receiving property tax in March and April, after which we will transfer the funds back into the Ambulance Fund. Board approves.

Chief Doherty was looking into switching Workers' Compensation carriers. The Chief has encountered some concerns with the business practices of the alternative carrier, McClure & Associates, and therefore recommends that the District remain with its current carrier, Illinois Public Risk Fund, for the time being.

The Ambulance Committee has reviewed the ambulance bids received in December. The quotes are as follows:

MedTech, \$115,727.00  
Osage: \$113,385.00

The committee recommended purchasing the ambulance from Osage at the lower price, as both companies are offering comparable vehicles. However, the chassis on both companies' quoted vehicles, the Ford E-450, will no longer be made. Osage has a few on order, but is unsure of whether it will receive them; they are not available at all on the MedTech ambulance. The alternatives from Osage to the E-450 are as follows, with an adjustment in price:

2007 Ford F-450: \$124,775.00  
2008 Ford F-450: \$126,545.00

Trustee Lorenz moved to purchase the ambulance from Osage with the 2007 Ford F-450 chassis for \$124,775.00. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Last month the Board approved \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a new copy machine. The District has since purchased one for \$6,700.00.

Station 1 will be utilized as a polling place for the April 17<sup>th</sup> election.

The accountant delivered the audit for the fiscal year ending 4/30/06, which has been provided for the Trustees' review.

The Annual Fire Service Legislative Day is Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, on which members of the fire service go to Springfield to advocate their concerns.

The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts conference is June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. The Chief asked those interested in attending to contact him.

The District's property and casualty insurance renewal with VFIS is on May 1, 2007. The Chief should have premium numbers for the Board shortly thereafter.

A lunch was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to thank former Trustee Larry Boettcher for his years of service to the District.

This past weekend, Chief Doherty, D/C Vollinger, Commissioner Dietz, and Don Fontana attended the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts conference. Chief Doherty remarked that there were many informative presentations, which included budget finance; legislative updates; negotiation and arbitration; the Family and Medical Leave Act; and the Military Leave Act, amongst others. The Chief noted that he attended some of the programs on the Commissioners' track, which he found very beneficial.

*Deputy Chief*

The upcoming Firehouse Software seminar we planned to attend is full. Currently, the only other seminar is the national one later in the year, but we will watch for other open seminars.

The District is eligible for a grant from IPRF in the upcoming year, for approximately \$8,000.00; last year it received \$7,800.00. The grant money must be spent on safety, and the deadline for the application is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enrollment in the non-contributory part-time health insurance will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The District received a preliminary award grant questionnaire for the 2006 FEMA Grant; the Deputy Chief expects the award announcement Friday. The award is approximately \$77,000.00, with the District's share being \$3,860.00, and will tentatively be spent on turnout gear.

Lt. Ketchen and B/C Foster plan to attend grant writing workshops, Lt. Ketchen attending one tomorrow in Frankfort, B/C Foster attending one later in the month in Westmont.

A fire occurred at Wendy's in Hickory Hills last week, which presented a public health issue. Hickory Hills does not have its own health inspector, so it calls in the Cook County Dept. of Public Health when such incidents occur and a facility may have to be evacuated/shut down for safety reasons. D/C Vollinger has spoken to Gordon Betcher, the Hickory Hills Building Commissioner, who is going to authorize the commanding officers of Roberts Park to act on behalf of the city and evacuate/shut down facilities during such incidents.

*Assistant Chief*

We upgraded the CAD system to Version 6. The Assistant Chief will then work on connecting Station 2.

*Commissioners*

The IFCA held the Battalion Chiefs test on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; the three candidates were Lts. Anderson, Duffy, and Ketchen. The Commissioners will proceed with the last portion of the test, the oral interviews, this Friday. They will post results as soon as they are available.

Commissioner Dietz attended the NIAFPD seminar this past weekend, and found it very informative.

**Unfinished Business**

The Justice/Willow Springs Water Commission sent a letter to Chief Doherty, thanking him and the District for their support during its completed work on 82<sup>nd</sup> Court of the Wesley Fields subdivision and its future work on 83<sup>rd</sup> Court & 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Commissioners are continuing with the new hire process. As of this date, the second candidate has declined the offer, so an offer of employment letter is being sent out to the third candidate on the list.

**New Business**

Trustee Lorenz moved to replace attorney Richard Jalovec with Rick Ryan as the attorney for the District, retaining the services of Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper & Gilbert, Ltd. for miscellaneous legal matters. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. President Kelly on behalf of the District thanked Rich Jalovec for his many years of service.

**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 6:40 p.m.