

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2007**

Call to Order

President Joseph Kelly called the meeting of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Group assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee.....Joseph Kelly
Trustee.....Steve Stratakos
Chief.....William Doherty
Deputy Chief.....Frederick Vollinger
Commissioner.....Jerry Dietz
Commissioner.....Joseph Kaech
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana
Attorney.....Richard Jalovec
Recording Secretary.....Kelly Kulzer

Trustee Lorenz and Accountant Terry Coleman were unable to attend.

Open to the Floor

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

Resolution No. 07-R-01

Trustee Stratakos moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-R-01, a resolution to transfer monies from the General Obligation and Interest funds. President Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Ordinance No. 07-O-01

President Kelly moved to adopt Ordinance No. 07-O-01, an ordinance to authorize voluntary life insurance through the Illinois Fire District Employee Benefit Cooperative. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Board Approval

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Trustee Stratakos moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2006 as presented. President Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Accounts Payable & Treasurer’s Report

President Kelly made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending January 9th in the amount of \$109,831.26. Trustee Stratakos second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved. President Kelly also moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Budget Review

At Station 1, revenues are at 69.8%, expenditures at 61.7%. At Station 2, revenues are at 58.8%, expenditures at 46.9%.

Reports of Officials

Chief

Chief Doherty is still researching a new potential Workers' Compensation carrier. Thus far, Grayslake and North Lake have switched to a new carrier. He will be attending an Illinois Public Risk Fund meeting on Thursday, at which he hopes to get more information. They require 90 days notice before the termination of the current policy. He hopes to have a final recommendation by the next board meeting.

The Officers' Agreement has been finalized; the terms were passed at the last meeting with the exception of the raise percentages, which have since been agreed upon at 3% annually for three years, received on January 1st instead of September 1st.

President Kelly moved to approve the 3% annual raise for three years, commencing January 1, 2007, for the officers. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Christ Hospital is having a 25th anniversary celebration of its EMS program. They are selling space in an ad book, and the proceeds are going to the Ronald McDonald House at Hope Children's Hospital. The District will place an ad at the cost of \$125.00.

Health insurance is going to be offered to part-time employees at their own expense. The policy will be with U.S.I. Midwest, who can enroll the part-time employees with no minimum participation requirement. It provides major medical coverage with an annual maximum. The insurance will be offered to all part-time employees, with no exclusions. President Kelly moved to offer all part-time employees the option to purchase health insurance at their own expense through the District. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

The District is looking to transfer both the checking account at Founders Bank (current balance of \$89,802.25) and the money market at Bridgeview Bank (current balance of \$89,523.93) to Archer Bank, to take advantage of better interest rates. Founders is currently at 2.27%; Bridgeview is at 4.75%. Archer's current interest rate is 4.95%, and will collateralize deposits at 110%. Archer proposes opening a checking account with an approximate balance of \$10,000.00, and putting the remaining balance into a money market. Trustee Stratakos moved to approve the transfer of the Founders and Bridgeview Bank accounts to Archer Bank. President Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

The District is currently leasing two copy machines from Rem-Con, with whom the District has had consistent service problems. The contract on the machine in the secretary's office is up in February 2007, and the Chief would like to purchase a new machine to replace it. The approximate cost for a comparable machine is \$7,500.00; one quote is from Synergistics of Tinley Park for \$6,398.00 with an annual maintenance fee of \$780.00, and another is from BMA of Burr Ridge for \$8,660.00 with an annual maintenance fee of \$720.00. The Chief is going to research further, as BMA has said it will renegotiate its terms to match competition. Trustee Stratakos moved to approve the purchase of one new copier, with a price not to exceed \$8,000.00. President Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved.

The ambulance bids received in December have been opened, and the ambulance committee has nearly completed its review. Chief Doherty should have a recommendation by the next board meeting.

The NIAFPD Conference is coming up in February, and the Chief asked those planning to attend to advise the secretary.

The Hickory Hills Women's Club is celebrating its 50th year. It's having a party on March 31, 2007 at the Sabre Room, for those interested in attending. The cost is \$40.00 per person. They donate to the District frequently, and the District plans to attend to show its support.

The District received a letter from Al Vodicka, Hickory Hills Police Chief, dated January 1st. District personnel responded for a suicide attempt at the police station, in which a prisoner attempted to hang himself from a sprinkler head. The sprinkler head broke; the EMS crew took the patient to the hospital, and the remaining personnel helped to turn off the water and clean up the station. The Chief expressed his appreciation for the quick response and assistance in clean-up.

Deputy Chief

The next round of fire grants is for fire prevention; he is waiting for recommendations from F/P Don Huenecke. Applications will still be made; however, it is unlikely the District will get any awards, as it has a good fire prevention program in place, and they are typically reserved for those who do not.

The department-wide driver training program is going to start towards the end of this month.

The District will be purchasing four or five sets of turnout gear from the money received from last year's IPRF grant.

There is an upcoming Firehouse Software two-day seminar in Bartlett. He, F/P Dees, and the secretary will be splitting up the attendance, with the secretary attending the administrative portion of the seminar.

Assistant Chief Absent; no report.

Commissioners The Commissioners held a practice session today for the upcoming assessment center testing. The IL Fire Chiefs presented an informative four-hour overview to the candidates. This was given at no cost; in the future, there will be a charge.

The Commissioners are still reviewing the rules and regulations; they will continue at a meeting later this month.

Attorney Regarding Resolution No. 07-R-01, the attorney confirmed that the Trustees are authorized to transfer monies from the General Obligation and Interest funds.

Administrative Assistant No report.

Old Business None.

New Business The next Trustees Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2007.

Adjournment President Kelly moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Stratakos aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.