Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the West Chicago Fire Protection Districts Board of Trustees held on February 26, 2015 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 Dave Janes with Trustee Charles Bratcher, Trustee Jim Grobe, Trustee Noreen Ligno-Kubinski and Trustee Pat Murphy present. Also present was Attorney Joe Miller and Vlad Shuliga, Chief Pat Tanner and Administrative Assistant Joy Edminson. Also in attendance from WCFPD were Lt. Jim Buenrostro, Lt. Wade Johnson and Firefighters Ric Ciszewski and Ryan Kral.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Grobe made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Bratcher, motion passed.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on January 22, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Kubinski made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy, motion passed.

Trustee Bratcher made a motion to release the minutes of the Closed Session held on January 22, 2015, the motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy, motion passed.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 28, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, motion passed.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on January 28, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Kubinski made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy, motion passed.

Trustee Grobe made a motion to release the minutes of the Closed Session held on January 28, 2015, the motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy, motion passed.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 06, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, motion passed.

Minutes of the Closed Session held on February 06, 2015 were reviewed. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe, motion passed.

Trustee Grobe made a motion to release the minutes of the Closed Session held on February 06, 2015, the motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy, motion passed.
James Howard gave a Power Point presentation on the Financial Analysis for the eight (8) months ended January 31, 2015. Hard copy included with Minutes. No questions from Board at this time.

The Financial Report/Chart of Accounts ending January 31, 2015 and the Accounts Payable ($261,210.48) and Payroll ($358,395.78) for January 23, 2015 through February 26, 2015 totaling $619,606.26 were presented. Trustee Murphy made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as presented, Trustee Kubinski seconded. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Murphy - Aye  Trustee Kubinski - Aye  Trustee Grobe - Aye
Trustee Bratcher - Aye  Trustee Janaes - Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL: Chief Tanner reported on the Airport Agreement progress. The current agreement expires at the end of 2015. Chief Tanner will be getting together with David Byrd from the Airport Authority in April to take a look at a five (5) year plan.

FINANCIAL/ PLANNING: Chief Tanner informed the Board that he is still working with Accountant James Howard on a budget plan for the next fiscal year. The Chief also handed out a preliminary Succession Plan that will be helpful in planning the Budget.

ADMINISTRATION: The Assistant Chief search process is underway, all applications must be in by March 6, 2015.

EQUIPMENT/ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT: Chief Tanner reported that the New Engine process is working well. The Chief and the committee took a field trip to look at in-service engines and have now narrowed it down to one (1) manufacturer. Recommendation should be ready for approval at the March Regular Meeting.

Chief Tanner also reported that a spreadsheet is being put together for all five (5) towns for the Alliance Vehicle Sharing.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

FIRE PREVENTION: Chief Tanner reported that Joe Buenrostro starts as the Fire Marshall on Monday, March 2, 2015. The Chief also reported that the Firehouse program will hopefully be up and running in the next few months for the inspectors to utilize.

COMPUTERS: Chief Tanner shared that Prescient Development, Inc., the Internet Technical Support group, should be starting next week. The Chief also noted that Lt. Wade Johnson will be the main contact on the Firehouse program.
COMMISSIONERS/ COMMUNITY LIAISON: Trustee Janaes reported that the Commissioners have made job offers.

UNION LOCAL 3970: Lt. Wade Johnson invited the Board to attend a Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Saturday, March 21st from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the West Chicago American Legion. All proceeds will go to “Camp I Am Me”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS: None at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None at this time.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Joe Miller informed the Board of upcoming IAFPD Conference on June 25th.

CLOSED SESSION: No need for Closed Session at this time.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Grobe. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Grobe
Secretary