

Regular Meeting –Thursday, November 14, 2013
Fire Station #3, Mitchell Dr., Plano, IL

Present: Anderson, Brummel, Perkins & Wade

Absent: DeBolt

Department: G. Witek, A. Nadeau

EMS:

Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Brummel.

AGENDA

Motion made by Brummel to accept the agenda as published, seconded by Perkins. *All ayes, motion carried.*

NEW PERSONNEL & PROMOTIONS

MINUTES

Minutes for the October 10, 2013 meeting and November 1, 2013 special meeting were reviewed; Wade made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Anderson seconded. *All ayes, motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Unpaid bills in the amount of \$43,357.65 were presented. Brummel made a motion to pay all bills. Perkins seconded the motion. *All ayes, motion carried.*

No emergency expenditure was necessary.

Check registers were presented to reflect the bills that had been paid between 10/10/13-11/13/2013.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE

TRUSTEES REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The matter regarding 008/27/2013 Kendall County Board of Review letter for docket 12-01703.001 thru .006 is addressed in the letter from the law firm of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca to Dr. Garcia at Plano School District. Our cost will be approximately 5% of the total bill.

The matter regarding the City of Plano request to vacate North Street between James St. and Hale St. is addressed in the attached email from Chief Witek to Alderman Scott Mulliner expressing concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

The levy calculation was discussed and action will be taken at the next meeting.

Adjusting ambulance billing rates was discussed and action will be taken at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND COMMAND

Fire

- Insurance company has notified that the workers compensation insurance renewal that takes place in January has come in flat with no increase.
- Reminder to the trustees to do their FOIA / OMA training.
- The fund balance on our balance sheet has reserves of approximately \$832,377.00 that will be allocated to reflect the purpose of those funds.
- The district has had to protest unemployment claims on a regular basis, and will continue to do so, as we have had several employees terminate their full time employment and be eligible to

collect but we want to make sure we are not the chargeable employer which would increase our rate.

- The district has also had to process wage garnishments as part of the payroll processing.
- The State is running a search and rescue training at Silver Springs on Friday, November 15th. LRFFPD will be involved but the State is running the show.

EMS

- Numbers were presented by Witek

Logical Life Safety

- Numbers were distributed.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Brummel made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Wade seconded. *All ayes, motion carried.*

Amber Nadeau

From: Chief Greg Witek [GWitek@LRFFPD.com]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:20 PM
To: 'Scott Mulliner'
Cc: Trustees; Officers at LRFFPD
Subject: RE: North Street and new park

I sure do apologize for the delay. I have been lobbying for this topic and needed to get each of our senior people's input before replying to you.

While I was in favor of the proposal from the start (trying to always work closely with the City) much to my disappointment, my mind has been changed by the inescapable safety concerns.

Statistically, the number one location, by a large margin, for fire apparatus involved in collisions is at intersections. Every intersection we pass through has a statistical element of danger. "Visually impaired" intersections raise the danger factor exponentially.

Closing North St to the East would impact approximately 50% of our calls from Station One – something like 600 calls per year, or 50 times per month. The closure causes at least two additional intersection crossings to each of these calls.

Making matters worse, most of the alternate intersections, James & Main and Main & Hale, and James & Clark, and James & Abe, and Clark & Hale and Abe & Hale and North & Center and Center & Main are partially or heavily visually impaired.

The existing intersection of North and Hale is almost the best scenario we can hope for – a clear view for us, of the North and South bound traffic on Hale from well-before the actual intersection AND more importantly, a clear view of the approaching fire apparatus by the traffic both directions on Hale.

After considerable conversation and consideration, I regret to say we are of one mind on this matter. Closing North St between James and Hale represents a significant increase in the danger factor for fire apparatus, civilian vehicles, and the occupants of both.

If you believe it will help the proponents of this proposal to hear from me personally, I am willing to attend any meeting you desire.

Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Fire Chief Gregory Witek

From: Scott Mulliner [mailto:scottmulliner@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 1:03 PM
To: Chief Greg Witek
Subject: Re: North Street and new park

Chief,

I was wondering how the two meetings went? Hopefully you heard some good comments.
Scott

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