

Regular Meeting –Thursday, December 8, 2011
Fire Station #3, Mitchell Dr. Plano, IL

Present: Anderson, Brummel, DeBolt (7:12), Perkins, Wade
Absent: NONE
Department: Witek, A. Nadeau, Jordan
EMS: C. Ronning
Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Brummel.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Minutes for the November 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed; Brummel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Wade seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Unpaid bills were presented. Anderson made a motion to pay all bills. Perkins seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Check registers were presented to reflect the bills that had been paid between 11/11/11-12/07/11.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

We went through the process over a year ago to get all the titles put in the safe. There was a fluke with #322 title. After a lot of research we at a point where we have to appear in court and have a judge verify the vehicle and have the title issued to us. This will cost \$500 for Ottosen to represent us. Witek will look into the cost to have Krentz do the work.

CORRESPONDENCE

Audit for FYE 04/30/2011 was presented.

TRUSTEES REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Lease #1 – Still need to stay on top of this issue but nothing happening right now.
 - Ambulance purchase – Presented bids. If we go with Horton, they offered to buy the old ambulance (#341) as a trade in for \$13,000. Witek will research the pre-pay details for purchasing through Horton. DeBolt made a motion to buy the ambulance through Horton for \$187,923.00. Brummel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:
Anderson – yes
DeBolt – yes
Wade – yes
5 ayes, 0 nays
- MOTION CARRIED
- Witek, Ronning & Nadeau made to decision to use Andres Medical Billing (AMB). They will start January 1, 2012. Brummel signed an agreement to allow AMB to collect payments on our behalf and deposit them directly to our bank account. Witek indicated that we are still having trouble getting our money from the collection agency. We will

send another letter from the lawyer to them before making a final decision on suing them or not.

- Ordinance No. 2011-003 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes was presented. DeBolt made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2011-003. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Anderson – yes

Brummel – yes

DeBolt – yes

Perkins – yes

Wade – no

4 ayes, 1 nays

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- While talking to AMB, we asked if our billing rates were leaving any money on the table. They indicated that having extra charges beyond the base rate and mileage is not a good plan because most insurance companies don't pay for the extras. We also found that AMB recommended we waive the patient portion of resident only fees that are not covered by insurance. Witek and Ronning presented a list of higher rates that would start January 1, 2012. Witek and Ronning also recommended waiving patient portion (not covered by insurance). DeBolt made a motion as recommended with the new rates and waiver of not covered bills. Brummel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Witek spoke with Joe Roberts at Caywood and found out that since we are a not-for-profit we can self-insure our unemployment costs. We will save \$1560 this year if we use this program. Brummel made a motion to use First Non-Profit for unemployment insurance. Perkins seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND COMMAND

Fire

- We have an ordinance that allows us to charge for extrications and non-resident vehicle fires. The state raised the limit for what we can charge for these. Witek would like to bring an ordinance next month with the new rates. The board gave the go ahead. Witek will also research if we can charge for other situations like gas line breaks, power lines down, etc.
- Witek presented the current mortgage and loan information. The board directed Witek to research the two recommendations made by the chief.
- Jordan brought information to the board about the current status of apparatus. Jordan stated that we are looking to get new apparatus in June, 2013 (coinciding with the payoff of #323). We are putting together a questionnaire to survey the whole membership to find out what we need for a new apparatus and what kind of equipment we want on it. There are just ideas that are floating around right now. We will research all routes and come back with our recommendations later. Witek emphasized that we are just giving a heads up so nobody is surprised when the day comes that we make a recommendation to purchase a new piece of apparatus.

EMS

- Numbers were distributed.
- Ronning indicated he would like to use the remaining money that was allocated for the ambulance to purchase new monitors and AEDs. There is a chance we could get a grant for this, but if not we need to have a backup plan to purchase these. Ronning will bring back some quotes on what the monitors will cost.
- Our member, Bruce Heck's wife, passed away after a battle with cancer.

Logical Life Safety

- Numbers were distributed.

NEW PERSONNEL & PROMOTIONS

Ronning indicated Brad Christensen is eligible to be removed from probation and be a fire fighter with the district. Brummel made a motion to do so. Perkins seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Perkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Brummel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.