



HUNTLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Huntley Fire Protection District
9/15/2020 at 9:00AM
Station Four**

Trustee Brown called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. Roll call noted, present were Trustee Brown, Trustee Bayser, Trustee Saletta, Trustee Davis and Trustee Mahoney. Also present were Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Schlick, Attorney Miller and Administrative Professional Thompson. The meeting opened at 9:00AM.

The meeting participants stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,852,917.36 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Lauterbach and Amen Budget Report: Trustee Saletta questioned the status of payments for the construction costs. They have been a little higher lately. We have a little over \$1 million left for Boldt. No other questions. Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the Lauterbach and Amen Report, which is in the Board packet, seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2020 as distributed, seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, Trustee Davis abstained, all remaining members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2020 as distributed, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Closed Meeting minutes of August 31, 2020 and keep them closed, seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Correspondence: The first was from Al Allen's family. He was a member of the District for over 20 years. The second was from a Miles just thanking the District. Russ Wilson's mother-in-law also sent one as she turned 95 and we did a parade for her.

Attorney Report: We sent Regency Square a letter saying we were willing to pay something but not the full amount. They said no. They cannot lien public property. We will no longer be doing anything with them. We received a letter from the Labor Relations Board. This is to accept the contract. In a few months we will do the levy. We have to decide if we want to increase the outside pension cap amount.

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In the past we have done \$100,000.00, and we are thinking to raise it \$50,000.00-\$75,000.00. Since we have spent so much money on construction the last few years, this could be a way to slowly build back up our operating funds while maintaining the pension fund. We can also do an offset to increase operating funds. We will not do the levy until November or December 2020. We have saved a lot of money switching our insurance now, but we don't know what it will be in two-three years. We have been keeping our rate lower, but we are thinking about possibly raising our taxes. We are going to meet with our accountant to discuss some options. We want to make sure we don't get behind on the pension or the operating costs.

General Report: In 2019 at this time we had 3,048 calls, and we are currently down 28 calls from last year. Our response times have been much quicker lately. We had a large fire and it went really well. Station 1 is moving along. Last week's rain slowed us up. They should be done with the concrete today. We are thinking about having a little ceremony to decommission the old station and bless the new station on 9/17/2020 at 9:30AM. The phones and internet will be down for several hours but it should be a smooth transition. There will still be some construction going on at Station 1 for the next few weeks but we will be moved in on 9/17/2020. We are still waiting on the occupancy for the second floor. We have had 1,700 views on Loop Net for the old station. McHenry County Chiefs met this week. We talked about station numbering. We are still going to keep the same numbers. The insurance meeting is 9/22/2020 for all of the families. Open enrollment will be out this week or next week. We have met with our personal trainer and she will be back the end of this month. The written test for the Battalion Chiefs is on 9/28/2020. We do have a list of Acting Battalion Chiefs that we created with the Union. We have three members on light duty. We have filed a petition to intervene on a pension matter. There was some discussion.

Alarm Response - Training Report: Any questions? No.

EMS Dispatches - Education Report: Any questions? No.

Hospitals Report: Any questions? No.

Fire Prevention Report: We have 272 houses being built in our District. We are still working on trying to increase our fees.

Public Education Report: We are working on some community risks assignments. We are still working on virtual items for the kids.

Customer Service Surveys: We are at 44% and all very positive.

Facilities Report: The gear washer had some maintenance done.

Apparatus Maintenance: The antique Engine is lettered. A lot of work has been done on Truck 983.

Committee Reports: The Apparatus Committee met today. We do not have another insurance meeting scheduled yet. No Labor Management meeting and Foreign Fire is scheduled for the end of this month.

SEECOM: Nothing new.

Board of Commissioners: They will meet on 9/29/2020 after the written test and they will approve the final list before the military points are out.

Fire Cost Recovery: We received \$4,088.00.

Grant Applications: Kane County has been sending out notices for the Cares Act which we applied for. They have now identified that more money is available for payroll reimbursement. The amount of money depends on the number of addresses we have in Kane County. This will cover March-December 2020 payrolls. March 1, 2020-April 30, 2020 our payroll was \$2.7 million. Only 5 counties received money. Kane County was included but McHenry County was not. We are still waiting to hear how much Kane County is going to allocate for the Fire Districts. We are thinking we will be reimbursed for any overtime due to any of our members being out with COVID.

Village/Counties: Nothing new from the villages. The HAART group is still meeting. We need to make sure we lock our cars. There have been a lot of break-ins.

Other: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Approve: Declare surplus Fire Hose: In 2019 we did not declare surplus. For 2020, we have seven 100' lengths of 5", six 50' lengths of 1 3/4" and ten 50' lengths of 2 1/2". Trustee Davis motioned to approve the declaration of surplus Fire Hose, seconded by Trustee Saletta.

Trustees Agenda:

Old Business: None.

New Business: NIAFPD has a Zoom meeting in October 2020. The next Huntley Board of Trustees meeting will be at the new Station 1.

Trustee Davis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bayser and the meeting closed at 10:14AM.

President Milford Brown

Secretary Bonnie Bayser

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