

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUNTLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 24, 2015**

President Brown motioned to open the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees; roll call noted all voting members aye and the meeting opened at 5:30PM. Present were President Brown, Secretary Bayser, Treasurer Olson, Trustee Davis, Trustee Mahoney, Chief Caudle, Deputy Chief Ravagnie and Attorney Joe Miller.

The meeting participants said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Presentations: The Board welcomed back John Davis.

Trustee Olson thanked Trustees Brown, Bayser and Mahoney for covering for him while he was gone.

Trustee Olson motioned to roll over and keep in rotation the one CDAR coming due seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted Trustee Brown abstain, all remaining voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Olson motioned to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$216,111.61 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted all voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2105 seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted Trustee Davis abstain, all remaining voting members aye, motion passed.

Correspondence: We received a thank you note from Woodstock Fire Protection District for our help covering Lakewood during their awards dinner.

We received a thank you letter from District 158 for helping them squeegee out the school after a water main break.

The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance sent a note thanking us for selling them a golf cart. They will keep our name on it to show who it came from.

Attorney:

The final report was approved in the Brooke Ekstrom Pension Hearing. She has 35 days to appeal for a line of duty pension. Brooke sent an email to Chief Caudle thanking him for the decision.

The numbers are correct in the Kane County Tax Objection, it is in the hands of the States Attorney. The amount at stake is not enough for us to fight about.

Trustee Olson motioned to approve Resolution 2015-003 Fund Transfer seconded by Trustee Baysar. Roll call noted all voting members aye, motion passed.

There is a Fire Works Bill that makes fireworks legal across the state. It is in committee now but not likely to get out of committee. There is a Consolidation Bill out there that allows County Boards to consolidate fire districts but it does not affect Huntley because we are in multiple counties.

Chief's Report: Currently we are averaging about 12 calls a day, last year it was 14 calls a day. Our EMS related calls are 79%. We had an increase in calls to Del Webb in February. Our OT/7G payout is already less than last year.

Deputy Chief Ravagnie gave the facilities report. There will be over 50 departments coming out to train at the Tower this season. We are in the process of cleaning it out.

Fire prevention: We had a barn fire late Sunday night. It was across from the Tower, it was fully involved when we arrived. Apparently a heat lamp fell off and started the fire. No cattle were injured but 3 pigs didn't make it.

Rob Territo submitted the Maintenance Report. New computers were installed and updated on all apparatus.

There was no bad news from our customer service survey. Our current return rate is 48%.

There is nothing to report from Labor Management.

The application process went online today for full time firefighter. Applications can be found online through April 27. IO Solutions is handling it all with an application fee of \$35. It will be listed in the Daily Herald for 6 days.

There is nothing new with SEECOM. The new director is doing well in his position.

We submitted a grant to Illinois EMS for a Bio Mist Solution, for cleaning the ambulances and facilities, in the amount of \$5000.

There is nothing new with the villages of Hampshire, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin.

The Village of Huntley- construction is in full swing in the downtown section. A portion of the apron in front of the ambulance bay and the entrance to the driveway will be excavated.

The Fire Corps meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled.

We received a check from Fire Cost Recovery in the amount of \$5,812.00.

The Foreign Fire Tax will be meeting April 14, there is still \$30,000 open. We submitted the other half of the cost of the Bio Mist System to them.

Accreditation is a work in progress. The deadline is the end of next week.

Other: The ISO new grading system improved our rural rating by one from a 6 to a 5. Starting June 1 all villages in our district will be a 3 and rural 5.

The application process ends for the open Deputy Chief position. There has been a lot of interest but we only have 3 applications in hand.

New: FF Joe Buschbacher and Maria Piszczor will be receiving the "Above and Beyond Volunteer Award" for their work on the Camp I Am Meeting license plate program. There will be a luncheon on April 7 at the William Tell in Countryside.

The new state Fire Marshal is from of Aurora.

We were contacted by a Western Illinois University student who asked to do an internship with us for administration work for their Fire Masters Degree.

We are receiving the tax extensions that we requested from the levy. We had an increase in EAV this year. The residents should see a slight decrease in this year's fire district taxes.

We will have a draft budget next month along with May raises of 2.5%.

Chief Caudle will be on vacation April 17 - 21.

The upcoming County Trustee meeting is April 27 and we are scheduled to host the meeting or we can pass if we want to. Some discussion. The Board told Chief Caudle to pass on hosting the upcoming dinner and meeting.

Trustees: There is no Old or New business.

Trustee Olson motioned to close the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted all voting members aye, motion passed and the meeting closed at 6:03PM.

President Milford Brown

Secretary Bonnie Bayser