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**Regular Meeting of the
Huntley Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
October 24, 2017**

Trustee 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 Trustee Brown, Trustee Baysler, Trustee Olson, Trustee Davis, Acting Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Schlick and Attorney Miller. Trustee Saletta was present via other means per district policy and the Open Meetings Act.

The meeting participants said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: Keith Mallegni: I am curious what the situation of the previous fire chief is and is it true that he is being paid? Attorney Miller said, the Board is looking into some matters and when it is an appropriate time to make it public it will be made public and nothing more can be said. Mr. Mallegni also asked if is possible for the retirees to get a department ID that says "retiree" on it. Acting Chief Ravagnie said he is already working on getting name tags for the retirees.

Bill Kresal: I want to challenge each and every Board member to pray for the decision of who the next fire chief will be. We need a person that will put our department back on the right road and to get the crews to be family again.

Joseph Mahoney asked if Chief Caudle was still on the payroll. Attorney Miller said, we are not at liberty to discuss it at this time, you can submit a FOIA if you like.

Betty Zirk of 11202 Lincoln Street. I have lived on Lincoln St and Mill since 1955, building a fire station on Lincoln doesn't sound like a good idea, it seems like you should be building it at Route 47 and Mill St.

Al Wiesenth: I am here as a tax payer and to state my concerns for the new station at Mill and Lincoln. What will the cost be to the tax payers to build a new station? It seems like the streets will be too narrow and there are no street lights. How will you get across the street with all the traffic?

Kevin Ellison lives in the general area has concerns about the new fire station going up. How will the traffic go in and out of the station?

Russ Wilson: Mr. Skala said the fire department said there wouldn't be any traffic on Lincoln St. There is a rumor that when the former fire chief had to return the surplus equipment, he signed another person's name on the sheet. Attorney Miller said, we are looking into all things that are going on. I can't answer any question regarding that. Mr. Wilson asked what the dollar amount is that was wasted on the surplus equipment? Attorney Miller said, I don't know if anything has been wasted.

Tom Sawyer: Sawyer/Falduto: Gave a quick update on the district's rate structure. Currently we are being fairly conservative. We have had a good year and quarter. The Feds are going to raise rates one more time this year. Any questions? The Board says thank you!

Trustee Olson motioned to roll over two CDARS coming due November 2 and November 9 at the appropriate time seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, trustees Brown and Saletta abstain, all voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Olson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount \$265,986.49 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2017 seconded by Trustee Olson. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2017 and keep them closed seconded by Trustee Olson. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the six month review of the Closed Meeting Minutes and keep them and all prior closed minutes closed seconded by Trustee Olson. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Correspondence: We received a thank you note from the Elgin Fire Department for sending an ambulance to cover their station. We also received a thank you letter from Woodstock Fire/Rescue District for our help with two structure fires. In addition, we received two thank you cards from Spring Brook Church for our participation in their Trunk or Treat event and they invited us to come back next year.

Attorneys Report: There is no news regarding the Legislation. The State of Illinois is not going to recoup the overpayment from the Personal property tax.

Ekstrom and Caudle's Leave to be discussed in Closed Session.

The Board of Trustees has the authority to make an appointment to the Pension Board. In the past, did the Board approve a term or an appointment?

New Chief's Hiring Process: Closed Session

Acting Chief Ravagnie received a letter from the Regency Square Association stating that we would be receiving an invoice for assessment fees regarding this association. Are there any agreements regarding this? Why now?

The Tax Levy needs to be filed by the last Tuesday in December. We should approve it at the November Board meeting.

Chief's Report: We had 403 calls for the month of September which averages 13.5 calls a day. District three is the busiest station with stations one, two and four following in that order. We were called for mutual aid 11 times and received mutual aid 4 times; our response times look good. Del Webb generated 35.24% of the calls.

7g and OT slowed down now that summer is over and vacations have also slowed down.

Acting Chief Ravagnie gave the Facilities Report.

We had the Open House on October 7. There were about 350-400 people who attended. There was a fireman's obstacle course for the kids, safety town, SEECOM, Com Ed gave away ice cream. We are thinking about cleaning out the back parking lot to add more attractions in the future.

The Fire Prevention Report is in the Board Packet. Acting Chief Ravagnie gave the update.

Acting Chief Ravagnie gave the Apparatus Maintenance Report.

Customer Service Report: The Customer Service Surveys are being returned at a rate of 49%, with all positive comments.

There is nothing to report for Labor Management. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11.

The Safety Committee met on September 20, the minutes are in the Board packet.

The Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes are in the Board packet. Trustee Davis motioned to approve the quarterly stipends for the commissioners, as requested seconded by Trustee Olson. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed. There is a tentative list from the Lieutenants Test.

We received an email from Jason at SEECOM regarding our rate increase which is not to exceed 5% for the next two years.

We have a meeting with the Safer Grant Administrator November 1. We will give Trustee Brown the ability to complete the wire transfer for the Safer Grant.

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

The company that is working on installing the cell tower was studying the locations at the Annex and Station 3. The Village of Huntley doesn't want us to install one at Station 3 but we are moving

forward with installing one at the Annex. Acting Chief Ravagnie and Deputy Chief Schlick met with Dave Johnson to discuss the possible station at Mill and Lincoln. We are looking at other options and would like to be closer to Route 47 but that isn't an option.

There is nothing new with the Village of Algonquin.

Matt Diamond is the District's photographer. The Fire Corps has been disbanded.

We received \$6,660.00 from Fire Cost Recovery which is a little more than we normal.

The Foreign Fire Tax Committee have a meeting on November 13.

Acting Chief Ravagnie and Deputy Chief Schlick had a meeting with McHenry TEMS Teams, the Sheriff's office and Woodstock Fire/Rescue District and had a great meeting. We made a change to the bi-laws, reduced training time and redoing the policies. They are willing to work with us and are moving in the right direction to keep costs down. Trustee Saletta asked if they are willing to put any money towards equipment? No more equipment should be needed at this time.

There is nothing to report on Kane County.

New Business:

Trustee Olson motioned to purchase a Dell OptiPlex 3050 computer for Station #3 not to exceed \$1,455.00 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Olson motioned to purchase Air Bags for 942 from Fire Apparatus and Supply Team not to exceed \$6,820.80 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Davis motioned to purchase Air Bags for 983 from Fire Apparatus and Supply Team not to exceed \$13,899.58 some discussion seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Olson motioned to approve M&C Lock and Key to upgrade our key card system and make it Cloud based not to exceed \$11,200.00, we did get another quote seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the stipend request for Battalion Chief Eeg and Acting Chief Ravagnie for Peoria pursuant to district policy seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Davis motioned to approve to pay the dues for MABAS 5, IL and SRT in the amount of \$6,025.00 seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Davis motioned to approve the expenses and entry fees for the Combat Challenge Team for 2018 competition not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the year, seconded by Trustee Olson. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

Trustee Olson motioned to purchase replacement hose from Dinges Fire Company not to exceed \$13,464.00 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all other voting members aye, motion passed.

The antique engine is coming together, the motor has been installed. Huntley High School students submitted posters to the Pub Ed Committee for “no texting while driving” for proms, homecoming etc. We will send them a thank you letter. Acting Chief Ravagnie is going to purchase 2-\$25 gift cards for them.

The NIAFPD Conference is January 25-28, Trustee Bayser will attend two nights, Trustees Olson and Brown will not stay overnight.

Acting Chief Ravagnie would like to purchase department IDs for retirees, the Board said to move forward.

Acting Chief Ravagnie is looking into starting an Explorer Program to capture high school students who are interested in the fire service.

Continue Trustee Agenda: There is no Old or New business.

Trustee Davis motioned to go into Closed Session for appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, selection of person to fill a public office or discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, purchase or lease of real property or setting of a price for sale or lease of district property inviting in Attorney Miller, Acting Chief Ravagnie and Deputy Chief Schlick seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted all voting members aye, motion passed and the meeting ended at 6:31.

President Milford Brown

Secretary Bonnie Bayser