



HUNTLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting of the
Huntley Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
Held the 15th Day of October, 2019
At the District's Station Four**

Trustee Brown called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. Roll call noted, Trustee Brown, Trustee Bayser, Trustee Saletta and Trustee Mahoney. Trustee Davis was absent. Also present were Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Schlick, Lieutenant Bentley, Lieutenant Harders, Lieutenant Levendoski, Lieutenant Madziarek, Attorney Jim Wargo and Recording Secretary Maria Piszczor. The meeting opened at 5:30PM.

The meeting participants said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Presentation: Tom Sawyer from Sawyer/Falduto gave an overview of the HFPD accounts. If the consolidation occurs with the pension funds, we will continue to work with the District. This was a busy quarter, all accounts are looking good. There is currently not a lot of difference between short term and long term interest rates. We are keeping the maturity levels rather short. Any questions? How do we take some of the money out to use it? We can get it to you in a couple of days or wire transfer it as well.

Susan Coen, Auditor, is retiring from governmental auditing. The current audit should be ready for the next meeting, I am waiting for some further information. The Board asked if Ms. Coen if she had any recommendations for an auditor? No, there are so few who do government auditing because of all the rules and regulations. I appreciate you all and wish you all the best.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$897,309.89 seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

There were no comments about the Lauterbach and Amen Budget Report.

Trustee Mahoney motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2019 as distributed seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, Trustee Saletta abstain, all remaining trustees yes, motion passed.

Correspondence: There was a nice editorial from a resident in the newspaper about the District.

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Attorney Report: Legislative, the pension consolidation has no specific bill yet but looks like they are moving quickly to try and get that done. There are pros and cons to the consolidation. It will probably hurt the departments that have a larger amount of funds. There was some questions regarding the possible consolidation bill. There is a lot of underfunding in the state.

There are some problems with the wording regarding the GEMT Intergovernmental Agreement but we can't change it and it pertains only to Medicaid which will give us an increase in revenue. The agreement was supposed to be completed by October 1st but they extended it to November 1st. We have reached out to Lauterbach and Amen to help us with it and they have contacted other companies who have completed the paperwork. There was some discussion. It is not mandatory but it is extra revenue. Andres Medical Billing just learned about it as well.

General Report: We have 4,084 calls year-to-date, which is an increase of 179 calls for the year. Station 5 is going up quickly, the landscaping is being put in, the electric is being moved inside, trench drains are in and they are pouring the floor on Thursday or Friday. The roof is 100% waterproof. Com Ed cut power to the Annex. They are pouring the footings tomorrow. They want to have the Annex (Station One) enclosed by the time it snows. They are in the process of stabilizing the load bearing wall. Com Ed won't budge on the cost of \$109,000 to bury the lines. They changed out the transformer. Water and sewer drains are all in. Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Schlick and Administrative Professional Maria Piszczor went to American Community Bank, we now have checks that we can write out of our accounts there. Tactical Athlete starts November 1st, one employee used it already, it worked exactly as they said it would. Tactical Athlete is coming out October 28-30 to do a presentation to the Members and their families. Chief Ravagnie attended the community engagement session at Huntley High School, there were some round table discussions. We got the Safer-Recruitment Grant which involves four departments. Deputy Chief Schlick, Lieutenant Levendoski and Battalion Chief Eeg sat in on a webinar on Marijuana.

Lieutenant Levendoski gave the Alarm Response and Training Report which is in the Board Packet. We had 470 calls for September which makes it the 8th busiest month ever and the 2nd busiest for the year. We are working on the strategic plan for Accreditation. We had 69 responses from the online survey, we will have a rough draft for the next Board meeting. The training we have been doing is ladder rescue, driver's course and mutual aid with Algonquin at the Tower. We have logged 6,024 training hours. The Training Tower is working great.

Lieutenant Harders gave the EMS Dispatches, Education and Hospitals Report which is in the Board Packet. We have been working on motor skills, TXA drugs and we will be up and running with the new SMOs shortly. We had our first "flight" in a while, we used Centegra's helipad.

Lieutenant Madziarek gave the Fire Prevention Report which is in the Board Packet. School inspections were done over three days. We did some flow testing. The OSFM Fire Prevention Bureau called and said someone called them about a bed and breakfast. The woman was questioning Lieutenant Madziarek's training. The gentleman with the State tried to explain to her how things work. We are on the same page as the county regarding the issue with the bed and breakfast.

Lieutenant Bentley gave the Public Education Report which is in the Board Packet. We have had a busy month. We met with the technology class at the high school. It was Homecoming last week, we got a wrecked vehicle from Whiteys Towing. The Light Program visited Station 4, we gave them a

talk on fire extinguishers. They are coming back in January to go over First Aid. We spoke with grades K-2 during safety trailer week. We are working on doing the program for grades 3-5 in December or January to alleviate some of work load during Fire Prevention Month. We had 150 people come to the Open House, the weather was not good. The Fall Prevention program at Del Webb finished up this week. I will be reading at Culvers for Reading Night on Thursday. All of our social media is strong. I was honored to introduce the keynote speaker at the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Luncheon.

The Customer Service Survey has a 44% return rate. There were no complaints.

Deputy Chief Schlick gave the Facilities Report which is in the Board Packet.

Chief Ravagnie gave the Apparatus Maintenance Report which is in the Board packet.

Chief Ravagnie gave the Committee Reports: The Insurance Committee met a couple of weeks ago. We will have another meeting because a lot of members had to leave due to calls. Blue Cross Blue Shield came in 4.58% higher over last year. We would like to talk again regarding the other companies that sent a proposal for health insurance. Labor Management met a month or so ago. The Foreign Fire Tax Board had to reschedule their meeting. The Lieutenant Orientation is this week. The Assessment Center will be October 21, 22, 23 and 24, there are 16 candidates.

The Incident description with dispatch has been updated but it still needs a little more tweaking. SEECOM is the only dispatch center to have turned it on.

The Board of Commissioners are meeting October 29 at 10:30AM.

We received a check from Fire Cost Recovery in the amount of \$2,448.00.

Deputy Chief Schlick spoke about the SAFER Grant that we received. They awarded us a little less than what we asked for. They took money out of PPE and moved it to a spot for Interns and they took some out of physicals and put it someplace else. The grant administrator said we could negotiate the amount but that didn't work. The amount is \$342,000 less than requested. A Memorandum of Understanding with the other partners needs to be signed, FEMA wants national RFP which is due on November 5, 2019. There are three potential companies to manage the grant.

There is nothing new with the villages or the counties. A hotel chain approached the Village of Huntley to put a hotel at Regency Square and Kreutzer Road. They will extend Kreutzer Road.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve Air One Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$2,795.00 seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve HR Green in the amount of \$3,500.00 to continue working on replacing the retention pond at Station 4 with a drainage system seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, Trustee Mahoney abstain, all remaining voting members yes, motion passed. Have we heard back from Manchester Lakes? It is all going through Attorney Miller.

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Healthcare and Family Services seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding 2018 Regional SAFER Grant which includes the Fire Districts of Huntley, Sugar Grove, Cary and Rutland Dundee seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Foreign Fire 2020 Annual Winter Lecture for \$7,500.00 contingent on Foreign Fire Tax Board approval seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve Foreign Fire Shields in the amount of \$6,300.00 for metal shields and passports contingent on Foreign Fire Tax Committee approval seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustees Agenda, there was no old business.

New business: Trustee Mahoney would like to put manpower on the agenda for our next meeting. Chief Ravagnie asked if we can have a Special Board meeting for it, maybe the beginning of December?

Trustee Bayser motioned to close the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees and move into Closed Session for appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees inviting in Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Schlick, Attorney Wargo and Recording Secretary Maria Piszczor seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motioned passed and the meeting closed at 6:33PM.

President Milford Brown

Secretary Bonnie Bayser