



HUNTLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting of the
Huntley Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
Held the 17th Day of December, 2019
At the District's 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, Lieutenant Bentley, Lieutenant Harders, Lieutenant Levendoski, Lieutenant Madziarek Administrative Professional Cane and Recording Secretary Piszczor. The meeting opened at 5:30PM.

The meeting participants stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Presentations: Sue Coen, Auditor said it is bittersweet that she will not be doing the audit for the District any longer but if there are any questions please give her a call. Mrs. Coen gave an overview of the audit for 2019. Any changes are on page 5 with a comparison between 2018 and 2019. Any questions? The Board thanks you for your work! Trustee Saletta motioned to accept the Audit Report of 2019 seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Attorney Karl Ottosen entered the meeting at 5:41PM.

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$861,890.46 seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Saletta motioned to accept the Lauterbach and Amen Budget Report seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019 as distributed seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Correspondence: We received a thank you letter from the Cary Fire Department for Lieutenant Bentley's involvement with the Honor Guard for the wake and funeral of Retired Deputy Chief Gitzke. We received a letter from a resident that was thankful for our service. We also received a thank you for a job well done through one of the customer service surveys. We put the letter in each of the Fire-Medic's personnel file that were involved.

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Attorney Report: Pension consolidation is happening sometime in the next 30 months. It will remain local money and no one should be able to use it for other means other than pensions. There is one pension fund for the police and one for fire. It will reduce overall expenses. The local Board will continue to determine disability pension. Pension Board meetings will decrease by 80%. Will it end our pension participation with Sawyer/Falduto? Yes. The State will determine how the money will be invested. Does it say what the administrative fees will be? No, that amount is not yet known.

Regarding the latest Marijuana Law, a trailer bill will allow employers to prohibit cannabis on and off duty. We will put together a memo that says they cannot use it. You can't discipline an employee if their family member is using it. It can be part of the bargaining agreement. We need to find out how many hours before your shift you can use it so it doesn't affect your job responsibilities. We will need a policy to address the issue of "use".

Chief Ravagnie gave the General Report: Last year we had a total of 5,098 calls, this year we have had 5,258 call YTD. We have met with only one Auditor so far. We still have one more Auditor to interview. We had a telephone conference with Tom Sawyer on wire transferring money to Harris Bank. We received a letter from McHenry County for the McHenry County Property Tax Exempt form which was signed and returned. We still have a couple of guys out on medical, one guy is doing rehab, we are getting updates from IPRF. Lieutenant Liggett will be having surgery mid-January and then hopefully he will return 6-8 months after surgery. Lieutenant Liggett has been out since April, he did not use Tactical Athlete. Fire-Medic Pollnow had neck surgery and had some discs replaced. He said when he woke up he felt so much better.

Lieutenant Levendoski gave the Alarm Response, it is the same report as the one you received last week. We are averaging 14 calls a day. Station 5 would have had about 725 calls through November. Regarding training, we are catching up on things missed earlier in the year. We will be starting all over again in January.

Lieutenant Harders gave the EMS Dispatches and Hospital Report which is in the Board Packet. We achieved ROSC 4 people times this year. We had 5 Intubations this month, each one was successful. Chief Ravagnie said Lieutenants' Harders and Gitzke are doing an excellent job. They are recognizing a Call of the Month. They are looking at the reports to make sure all the information is filled in. We approved a contract for Stryker earlier in the year but it accidentally did not get sent in. Thankfully we didn't need their assistance. We discovered that our mechanic, Rob Territo, can get trained for \$1,800.00 a year and be a service tech to do all the repairs for our Stryker equipment. It is a yearly fee and training for Mr. Territo. We are doing all PMs on cots.

Lieutenant Madziarek gave the Fire Prevention Report which is in the Board packet. We have 3 projects that have broken ground and 7 are scheduled to break ground next year. Parkside held their annual TT Festival despite the fact that it was very windy that day. We had several meetings with all involved, Huntley Police, Public Works and Parkside, everything went well, a good job was done by all. The Festival had a delayed start from 11:00AM to 6:00PM. More Brewery to open soon. There may be two hotels coming to Huntley. The Catty Corp building has some interest in it from Emmetts Brewery, a bed & breakfast, a banquet hall and the train station could all go in that building. If you go on the website for the Village of Huntley you can see pictures.

Lieutenant Bentley gave the Public Education Report which is in the Board packet. The Huntley High School Technology Class that is developing the new App was supposed to meet this week but they

had finals, we will meet after Christmas. I attended the Alden Rehab Advisory Board meeting. I went to Miami for the NFPA Community Risk Reduction Pilot Program. We are working on a dashboard that has 9 different items. We were asked what we needed on the dashboard, overlay maps, to be able to upload current information. It can easily do station location studies. It is a work in progress. NFPA paid for all the expenses including airfare, hotel and funds for transportation. I was the only one from Illinois.

December 19 Lieutenant Bentley will be reading at Culver's. Our Social Media accounts are still going strong. We participated in Operation North Pole and we will be ringing the bell at Wal Mart from 11-2 this weekend.

The Customer Service Surveys have a 46% return with no complaints.

Deputy Chief Schlick gave the Facilities Report which is in the Board packet. We had a small heating issue at Station One which is now fixed.

Chief Ravagnie gave the Apparatus Maintenance Report which is in the Board packet. Rob Territo has limited access to the Annex. We purchased regeneration kit for the vehicles at Stations 1 and 2. Although they go on a lot of calls they are not long distance so their filters get clogged. The kit will take care of the issue.

Chief Ravagnie gave the Committee Reports: The Safety Committee will meet December 18th. Labor Management will be meeting January 27th. The Foreign Fire Tax Board met on December 13th and had their elections, they will meet again in January. The Insurance Committee met on December 12th to compare BlueCross BlueShield and United Health insurance companies. BlueCross came back with a 3% \$30,000 increase. We looked at United Health, they were cheaper but they wouldn't lock in the rate for 2 years plus some of the employee's doctors are not in the plan for United Health. Chief Ravagnie went over the differences between BCBS and UHC. In the future we might be able to do things to obtain some cost savings, ie., an opt out if the spouse is covered on another qualified plan. We propose to continue with BCBS but there are things in the future where they can do things to get costs down. Trustee Saletta would like to continue to BCBS, he is on the Insurance Committee.

SEECOM updated their "call of service" prices. They haven't raised their prices since 2016. We will be spending \$284,000 in dispatch fees. The increase will be an additional \$1,000.00 a year, it will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

The minutes are in the Board packet for the Board of Commissioners. They had some really quick meetings because of determining points and lists. They have been working with Attorney Miller on Battalion Chief testing. They are doing a great job. Trustee Davis motioned to approve the stipend request for the Board of Commissioners as presented seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

We received a check from Fire Cost Recovery in the amount of \$3,952.00. Thanks to Administrative Professional Callie Cane's help we are getting larger checks.

We signed a contract with Adapt Management for the administration of the SAFER Grant. We started interviews to hire additional part time employees, only one is a paramedic the rest are EMTs. We would like to host a paramedic class in house once new Station One opens. We can charge outside people to come in. Lieutenant Harders ran the paramedic class several years ago. The students

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should start later and get done earlier.

The Tax Levy's are filed with McHenry and Kane County's.

Trustee Davis motioned to approve the purchase of a Haines Continental Gear Dryer for Station 5 in the amount of \$6,700.00 using 2019 IPRF grant money seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the renewal of Target Solutions for records management in the amount of \$6,001.00 using 2019 IPRF grant money seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the renewal of BlueCross BlueShield Health Insurance in the amount of \$1,288,395 seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members yes, motion passed.

There is no old business.

New business: Trustee Brown said that Harmony Road is open to Route 20 on the west side. We still have our intergovernmental agreement with Marengo and Union Fire Districts.

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, collective bargaining matters or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and purchase or lease of real property or setting of a price for sale or lease of district property inviting in Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Schlick, Attorney Ottosen, Administrative Professional Cane and Recording Secretary Piszczor seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members yes and the meeting closed at 6:51PM.

President Milford Brown

Secretary Bonnie Bayser

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