

MINUTES
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
October 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustees Present: Dick Kuhn, Rodger Long, Bob Tripp and Jason Bragg. Also present: Chief Neitzer, Deputy Chief Veseling, Assistant Chief Flanders, Fire Marshal Keenum, Exec. Asst. Wendy Held and Attorney Shawn Flaherty.

The regular meeting of the Oswego Fire Protection District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 1, Woolley Rd.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Tripp and seconded by Bragg to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting. Aye-4 Nay-0 Absent-1 Motion carries

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Treasurer Anderson's absence, on a motion by Long and seconded by Tripp, Trustee Bragg was named Treasurer Pro-Tem.

Treasurer Pro-Tem Bragg advised of the following balances for the Oswego Fire Protection District.

North Community Bank PR Acct.	\$ 548,822.97
North Community Bank MM	\$ 45,497.43
North Community Bank RE Tax	\$4,727,153.73
North Comm Bank Scholarship CD	\$ 13,864.00
Bridgeview Bank MM	\$ 158,552.11
OSNB MM (90 Day fixed rate)	\$ 447,171.37
Bridgeview Bank Checking Acct	\$ 55,083.90
Petty Cash	\$ 423.93
Castle Bank Money Market	\$ 120,207.55
North Community Bank CD	\$1,009,337.40
OFPD Charles Schwab Acct.	\$2,307,794.08
Allied Bank CD	<u>\$ 251,327.24</u>

Total Fire District Assets: \$9,685,235.71

On a motion by Long and seconded by Tripp to approve the Treasurer's Report. Aye-4 Nay-0 Absent-1 Motion carries

3. BILL LIST:

Trustees discussed various bills on the Bill List.

On a motion by Long and seconded by Bragg to approve the bills as listed. Roll call vote: Aye – Long, Kuhn, Tripp, Bragg Nay-0 Absent-1 Motion carries

See the Oswego Fire Protection District bill list attached.

4. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Trustee Tripp turned to floor over to Chief Neitzer for an update on the Training Facility. Chief informed the Trustees that the gravel was in and the piers poured. The blacktop should be laid later this week or early next week. The cans are expected to be put in place in November.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer Anderson absent-No Report

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

Trustee Long deferred to Chief Neitzer for the Equipment Committee Report. Chief updated the Trustees as to the status of the previously declared surplus apparatus. The District donated the surplus brush truck to Montgomery Fire Department. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement as Montgomery did not have a brush truck in their fleet and they will be able to assist OFPD in these types of calls in Mutual-Aid situations as well. He also informed the Trustees that one of the surplus ambulances was being sold for approximately \$5,000.00 and the other was in consideration to be donated to WCC but that was not a certainty. The surplus Crown Vics will be put up for sale.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

No Report

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Neitzer informed the Board that he would be attending a joint meeting on Tuesday, October 14th with other municipalities and the Village of Oswego regarding the Impact Fee Study.

Chief discussed the tax levy that would be coming up in December and some of the options available to the District.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

DC Veseling handed out his monthly report for the Trustees review; a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

He also informed the Board that the District had received high praise from Rush-Copley for their exemplary treatment of a 12 year old having an asthma attack.

He also reminded the Trustees that the District's next guest speaker, Chief Norman, would be an all day event on Saturday, October 25th and he expected a large turn-out for this.

ASSISTANT CHIEF FLANDERS:

AC Flanders updated the Trustees on the current application process for preparing the new hire list that will expire in February. Applications have been handed out since October 1st and will continue to be issued until October 17th.

He informed the Board that the new website should be up and running soon and that the pump testing had been completed satisfactorily.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

Fire Marshal Keenum handed out his monthly report for the Board's review; a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

He informed the Trustees that the Camp I Am Me car show had raised over \$1500.00 and a check had been sent to the IL Fire Safety Alliance in support of the burn camp.

He also talked about the District Open House that was held on Oct. 7th during Fire Prevention Week that 200+ residents attended. He commended the many POC Members and Full Time Staff that assisted with this and the Pipe and Drum Corps that played for the attendees.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:

None

6. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Flaherty presented more information for the Trustees consideration regarding the upcoming levy and what options they have available.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Kuhn read a letter from Captain John Cornish informing the Board of the Open House Events and commending individual members for their participation and support.

He briefly discussed the Main Street Station and the status of possible buyers for this station. He also mentioned that two different community groups would like to use the station during the upcoming Christmas Walk as they have done in the past.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Neitzer informed the Trustees that AC Flanders and BC Schiradelly would be receiving their Certificates of Graduation from the Fire Officer III program and stressed what an accomplishment this is for both of them and for the District.

An agreement with Dr. Wang, a chiropractor, to perform chiropractic services on-site periodically was tabled for further discussion. The Trustees felt like more information and discussion was needed before an agreement of this type could be considered.

A brief discussion about the EBOLA Virus and the District's preparedness for possible cases ensued and the Trustees were satisfied with the District's protocols and procedures for the occurrence of anything of this nature.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further questions from the public in attendance, and no further discussion by The Board, on a motion by Tripp and seconded by Long, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Aye-4 Nay-0 Absent-1 Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY _____
Robert W. Tripp