



**CRETE TOWNSHIP
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



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MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2019 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING

November 4, 2019

**Crete Township Fire Protection District – Station #41
26730 S. Stoney Island
Crete, IL 60417**

Miller
12-9-19

7:00 PM – Meeting was called to order by Trustee Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Trustee Miller, Trustee Zimmerman, Attorney Gilbert, Chief Panega, Lieutenant Moeller
Absent - Trustee Rosandich, Assistant Chief Radtke, Captain Swanson, Captain Grove, Lieutenant Haemker

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was read by Trustee Miller. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Fire Call Report: Written report presented - 110 calls were reported for the month of October.

EMS Report: Written report presented. All members are current with Moodle. Corrosion is being repaired under warranty on Unit #A42.

Training Officer: Written report submitted. Members listed are working on completing outstanding trainings.

Grant Summary: Written report presented. Funds have been received for the LED sign. No word has been received on the remaining outstanding grant award notifications.

Fire Prevention: Written report submitted. A few trouble inspections remain outstanding; working to finalize with the crews. Village Woods inspection has been rescheduled for November 6th per management's request.

Assistant Chief: Written report presented. One position remains open on the Kurtz contract. Installation of the mobile data terminals should be complete in a couple

weeks. Replacement of the server at Station #41 will begin upon the completion of installing the mobile data terminals.

Chief's Report: Written report was presented. An officer's meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6th. Tuckpointing the block walls at Station #43 has been completed. There are many small cracks on the outside of the structure which will require a heavy coat of industrial paint next year. Replacement of the heat exchangers on two of the furnaces at Station #41 is finished.

Approval of Bills: Motion to accept bills as submitted by Trustee Zimmerman. Second Trustee Miller. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Communications: **New Star Services – Thank You** - A thank you was received from New Star Services.

Will County Land Use Department – Variance Request for 25659 S. Dixie Highway, Crete IL - Notification received from Will County regarding a variance request to allow lot frontage of 166.14 feet from the required 300 feet to allow the construction of a barn to store farming equipment/alfalfa without having to remove the trees from the middle of the property at 25659 S. Dixie Highway, Crete IL. Motion by Trustee Miller CTFPD has no objection to the variance request for 25659 S. Dixie Highway, Crete IL. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Old Business: **Open & Discuss / Award “Vehicle Exhaust Removal System” Bid** – Trustee Zimmerman opened and read into record the following bids received for the Vehicle Exhaust Removal System:

- 1) Hastings Air Energy Control Inc., New Berlin WI
\$48,097.00
- 2) Clean Air Concepts / Magnegrip Group, Cincinnati OH
\$48,435.00 – Magnetic Diesel Exhaust Venting System
\$52,924.00 – Magnegrip SFTM “No Loop” System
- 3) Midwest Air Pro, Chicago IL
\$61,875.00 – Electro Magnet System
\$48,190.00 – Earth Magnet System

Captain Swanson was directed to review each bid and a recommendation will be available to District Trustees within two weeks.

Open & Discuss / Award “2006 Ford E-450 Ambulance” Bid – No bids were received for the sale of the 2006 Ford E-450 Ambulance. Chief Panega reported he has been contacted by four individuals interested in

purchasing the unit. Trustee Miller directed Chief Panega to contact the individuals regarding the sale of the ambulance, in the order in which they called CTFPD; a minimum offer of \$6,000.00 will be accepted.

New Business:

Approve Ordinance #11-4-2019-1 – An Ordinance for the Levying and Assessing of Taxes for the Crete Township Fire Protection District in the County of Will and State of Illinois for the Year 2019 – Motion to approve Ordinance #11-4-2019-1 – An Ordinance for the Levying and Assessing of Taxes for the Crete Township Fire Protection District in the County of Will and State of Illinois for the Year 2019 by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Approve Ordinance #11-4-2019-2 – An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2019 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$2,380,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Crete Township Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois – Motion to approve Ordinance #11-4-2019-2 – An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2019 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$2,380,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Crete Township Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Approve Renewal of Workers Compensation Insurance – Illinois Public Risk Fund / Corkill Insurance – A proposal for the renewal of the Workers Compensation Insurance was presented to Trustees for review. There is a decrease in the overall cost of the insurance due to payroll costs going down. In addition, \$6,284.00 in grant money has been reserved for CTFPD. Motion by Trustee Miller to approve the renewal of Workers Compensation Insurance with Illinois Public Risk Fund / Corkill Insurance. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Discuss / Approve the Submission of a Letter to Leave Laraway Communication Center within 12 Months – Chief Panega cited concerns regarding the quality of communications coming from Laraway Communication Center since leaving Eastcom Dispatch Center. Will County has also become heavily involved with Laraway; dispatchers have become County employees and may transfer to any County department. Now there is discussion of a proposed change to the bylaws stating each of the participating entities will be responsible for the debt of the building, after Will County initially stated there would be no charge for the building passed on to participating entities. Issues regarding the construction of the building have also been recently discovered. Attorney Gilbert advised the letter to leave should be submitted soon and there are surrounding districts also submitting letters to leave Laraway. Trustee Zimmerman questioned where else CTFPD could go for dispatch service. Chief Panega stated

neighboring districts are considering Orland Dispatch. After much discussion, District Trustees were in agreement to sign and submit a letter to leave Laraway Communication Center within 12 months.

Chief Panega asked Trustees for approval to redo the District's website. A proposal from True Mountain, out of St. John IN, was presented for \$299/month for two years. Attorney Gilbert confirmed the Association may also use the website. District Trustees agreed it was a good idea to revise the website and directed Chief Panega to move forward with the project.

Closed Session: None.

Citizens Speak: No one from the public was present for comment.

Motion to Adjourn the November 4, 2019 meeting at 7:48 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.