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MINUTES FROM THE JULY 2020 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING

July 13, 2020

Crete Township Fire Protection District – Station #41

26730 S. Stoney Island

Crete, IL 60417

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Hearing: **Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021** – The public hearing was opened at 7:01 PM by Trustee Miller.

Posting and publication regarding the tentative budget has been met as required by statute. No one from the public was present for comment.

The public hearing was closed at 7:02 PM by Trustee Miller.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2020 meeting. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was read by Trustee Peterlin. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

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

EMS Report: Written report submitted. The air conditioning in the patient compartment has been repaired in Unit #A43.

Training Officer: Written report submitted. Members listed are working on completing outstanding trainings. One member will be starting the Fire Academy next month.

Grant Summary: Written report presented. No word has been received on the outstanding grant award notifications.

Fire Prevention: Written report presented. Watching for possible illegal burning of a large construction debris pile on Carriage Lane. The owner has been warned not to burn and will be fined if he proceeds. Plans have been approved for the solar farm at 705 E. Goodenow.

Deputy Chief: Written report submitted. Probationary member M. Horner has resigned effective June 18, 2020. Inspections have been suspended until further notice due to COVID-19. Hose and ladder testing have been completed. CTFPD is working with Will County 911 on issues with connecting to the Firehouse database. Andres Medical and Fire Recovery billing are current.

Chief's Report: Written report was presented. Piepenbrink Excavating has completed the excavation work on the west side of Station #41. Roy Erikson Outdoor Maintenance provided an estimate to seed and blanket the area for \$8,000.00. BMS Lawn Care provided an estimate to seed the area with no blanket for \$1,200.00 by the end of July. Trustees directed Chief Panega to go ahead with the estimate from BMS Lawn Care but recommended the work be completed in September.

Unit #E43 is a 2008 Alexis HME Chassis with approximately 60,000 miles. It is at half the life expectancy of a front-line engine. CTFPD has repaired several major issues with this vehicle. Potentially dangerous rust on the frame will need to be addressed. Options to consider for repair include:

- 1) \$110,000.00 to refurbish the frame rails – Alexis Fire Equipment
- 2) \$197,000.00 to replace the frame rails – Alexis Fire Equipment
- 3) \$132,000.00 to replace the frame rails – Fire Service Inc.
- 4) \$425,000.00 to re-chassis the body – Alexis Fire Equipment
- 5) Minimal work can be done to slow down the rust, CTFPD can trade in the unit and purchase a new engine earlier than scheduled.

Discussion was had regarding the options. Chief Panega stated more detailed information will be provided at a later date and requested Trustees assist in choosing the appropriate method of repair.

Chief Panega received notification from Will County Land Use Dept. of a temporary use permit application to allow for two male pigs at 27007 S. Juniper Dr., Crete IL. Agreed no action be taken to intervene by CTFPD.

Approval of Bills: Motion to accept bills as submitted by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Communications: Will County Board of Review – Request for Reduction in Assessed Valuation – 27641 South Stoney Island Avenue, Crete IL –

Notification was received from Will County regarding 27641 S. Stoney Island Avenue, Crete IL requesting a reduction in assessed valuation. Agreed no action be taken to intervene by CTFPD.

Old Business: **Approve Ordinance #7-13-2020-1 – An Ordinance Fixing the Budget and Making Appropriations for the Crete Township Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Ambulance Service for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2021** - Motion to approve Ordinance #7-13-2020-1 – An Ordinance Fixing the Budget and Making Appropriations for the Crete Township Fire Protection District for Fire Protection and Ambulance Service for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2021 by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

New Business: **Discuss/Approve Purchase of New Support Vehicle** – Assistant Chief Swanson presented a proposal from Morrow Brothers for the purchase of a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility on state bid in the amount of \$47,480.00. The proposed unit is the same as the support vehicle purchased last year. Expected delivery is twenty-two weeks. Upon review, Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility on state bid from Morrow Brothers as presented in the proposal for \$47,480.00, with no upgrades. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Declare 2008 Ford Explorer (Unit #UT43) Surplus Property – Assistant Chief Swanson recommended the 2008 Ford Explorer be sold after the new support vehicle is received. Motion by Trustee Miller to declare the 2008 Ford Explorer (Unit #UT43) surplus property. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Update on Kurtz Paramedic Service/AMR – Chief Panega stated he was contacted by Account Representative Randy Mann that he is no longer employed by Kurtz. No contact has been made by Kurtz Paramedic Service/AMR regarding the status of Randy Mann or a replacement. He reminded District Trustees CTFPD entered a one-year contract with Kurtz.

Sealing of Closed Session Minutes - Discussion was had whether to open any closed session minutes to the public. Trustee Zimmerman made a motion to keep the closed session minutes sealed another six months. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Chief's Evaluation – Chief Panega distributed his annual evaluation to District Trustees. Trustees will follow up with feedback after they have had time to review.

Closed Session: None.

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

Motion to Adjourn the July 13, 2020 meeting at 7:50 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried.