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**MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2020 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING**

**December 14, 2020**

**Crete Township Fire Protection District – Station #41**

**26730 S. Stoney Island**

**Crete, IL 60417**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Present - Trustee Miller, Trustee Peterlin, Trustee Zimmerman, Chief Panega, Deputy Chief Radtke, Lieutenant Moeller

Absent - Assistant Chief Swanson, Captain Grove, Lieutenant Haemker

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the minutes of the November 9, 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 - 115 calls were reported for the month of November.

**EMS Report:** Written report presented. New patient lifting devices have arrived and will be used as demos by the crews for the next few weeks. Covid numbers continue to increase. Safety lane inspections will be completed on all three ambulances December 21st.

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

**Grant Summary:** Written report presented. No word has been received on the OSFM Small Tool Grant. Grant money has been received for the Diesel Exhaust Removal System at Station #43. Dates for the next round of grants should be available in the next several weeks.

**Fire Prevention:** Written report submitted. Construction continues on both solar farms on Goodenow Road. The renovation of New Hope Center is ongoing. Crete Township Firefighter's Association held a food drive and delivered all

donations to the Crete Food Pantry on December 11<sup>th</sup>, along with a \$500.00 donation from the Association.

**Deputy Chief:** Written report submitted. Nicless Malley and Jason Price have been hired on the Kurtz contract, returning the contract to full staffing. Two individuals have been interviewed and are completing the hiring process for part-time positions. A request for POC membership will be advertised on the sign at all three stations. Inspections have been suspended due to Covid. All ISO testing is complete for 2020. Accident and ambulance billing are current. CTFPD has received \$55,292.50 from the Will County Treasurer through the CARES Act for the reimbursement of payroll expenses incurred during the pandemic. Meetings with Will County have begun regarding the availability and distribution of the Covid vaccination for Fire/EMS personnel.

**Chief's Report:** Written report was presented. Three members tested positive for Covid; all members are back to work after the fourteen-day quarantine. CTFPD worked in conjunction with Illinois Partners in Hope, Free Feed Pop Up Volunteers and the Southland Voice to distribute food to over 300 families at Station #41 on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional dates for food distribution may be added during the month of December. CTFPD also assisted Angels on Assignment in their collection of unwrapped toys for Christmas at all three stations. The Annual Association Christmas party will be cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Due to the age of the generator at Station #43, Chief Panega recommended the District consider the purchase of a new generator. An estimate has been received for a 60-kw generator, including installation and disposal of the old one. The fence will need to be taken down and put back up in order to remove and replace the generator at its current location. District Trustees agreed the project should go out to bid in February 2021 with the intent of having the work completed in the next budget year.

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

**Communications:** **Manteno Community Fire Protection District – Thank You** – A thank you was received from Manteno Community Fire Protection District for responding to a fire at 968 Coyote Trail on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Old Business:** The Request for Bid regarding the refurb of Engine #43 was published in the Daily Southtown December 6<sup>th</sup>; bids will be opened at the January 11<sup>th</sup> District Meeting.

**New Business:** **Set Meeting Dates for 2021** – After a review of the 2021 calendar, the October meeting will be moved from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> due to Columbus Day. 2021 Meeting Dates will be published in the newspaper and posted to the website.

Deputy Chief Radtke informed Trustees of the growing increase in calls requiring CTFPD crews to go out of town to assist surrounding communities. CTFPD has to consider what options there are if one of the crews responds mutual aid to a neighboring community and CTFPD then incurs multiple calls requiring additional assistance. The surrounding towns are already working with decreased manpower and may not have the people to send CTFPD to assist. Currently, CTFPD is handling multiple calls but it could become an issue in the future. Trustee Peterlin questioned if hiring additional personnel could alleviate future issues. Trustees requested Deputy Chief Radtke run a report on how many multiple calls CTFPD has incurred in the past year for future discussion.

**Closed Session:** None.

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

**Motion to Adjourn the December 14, 2020 meeting at 7:43 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.**