



CRETE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2021 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING

October 4, 2021

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

Absent - Assistant Chief Swanson, Captain Grove, Lieutenant Moeller, Lieutenant Haemker, Lieutenant Pinnick

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2021 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 - 155 calls were reported for the month of September.

EMS Report: No report.

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 outstanding grant award notifications.

Fire Prevention: Written report submitted. Balmoral Woods Country Club is replacing the fire alarm panel. CTFPD will be handing out goodie bags for Fire Prevention Week on Saturday, October 9th from 9am to 12pm. Inspections have been extended to November 1st.

Deputy Chief: Written report submitted. Currently, the Kurtz contract has two vacancies. No applications are in process for paid-on-call membership. CTFPD continues to look for two additional part time members. Contact has been made with members delinquent on monthly training. Ladder testing has been completed. Pump testing is complete with the exception of Engine #40, which is waiting on parts for the repair of the front suction. Accident and ambulance billing are current. CTFPD continues to look into additional Covid-19 stimulus money. Paperwork is being filed with HSR to justify the Covid-19 funds received in April 2020. Paperwork is also being filed with the State of Illinois to receive additional funding beyond what is received for Medicare and Medicaid billings.

Chief's Report: Written report was presented. Will County Forest Preserve will be removing six parcels of property, formerly known as Longwood Country Club, off of the tax rolls. Chief Panega has received a subpoena to testify in Will County Court on October 18th regarding the 2017 auto accident in Beecher resulting in the death of a mother and three children. CTFPD is taking action to vacate Burville Road from the property at Station #42 which will give the District full ownership of the property.

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

Communications: **St. John Police Department – Thank You** - A thank you was received from St. John Police Department for responding to the active shooter call at Lake Central High School on September 8th.

Beecher Fire Protection District – Thank You - A thank you was received from Beecher Fire Protection District for responding to a structure fire at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Old Business: **Discuss Epoxy Flooring – Station #42** – Chief Panega stated the decision has been made to not move forward with the epoxy flooring at Station #42.

Ratify the Decision Made by Phone Poll to Award the Bid for Generator Replacement – Station #43 to C.G. Professional Services – Trustee Miller made a motion to ratify the decision made by phone poll to award the bid for the generator replacement at Station #43 to C.G. Professional Services in the amount of \$30,684.95. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

New Business: **Approve Ordinance #10-4-2021-1 – 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 2021** – Motion to approve Ordinance #10-4-2021-1 – 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 2021 by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Approve Ordinance #10-4-2021-2 – An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2021 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 #10-4-2021-2 – An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2021 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 Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Discuss Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order #2021-20 Covid-19 Vaccination Mandate for Healthcare Workers – Chief Panega reviewed Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order regarding the Covid-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers, which includes fire departments. All vaccinated members will be required to provide proof of vaccination status. Non-vaccinated members will be required to test for Covid within the first 15 minutes of their shift. If positive, the individual will be tested a second time. If the second test is positive, the individual will be required to leave work to be tested at an outside facility. Testing will take place at all three stations. Only trained personnel are allowed to administer the test. Paid on Call members will be tested twice a week; part-time members will be tested when scheduled for shift. Kurtz is supplying the test kits for contract employees; Will County supplies the test kits for CTFPD employees. Results are required to be reported to the state within 24 hours.

Attorney Gilbert stated if the District chooses to not enforce the mandate the District will be breaking the law. He advised it may eventually affect Medicare/Medicaid funding for those departments/districts that choose not to implement the mandate. For those members who are not vaccinated and full-time at another department, a letter or email verifying they have tested negative at their full-time job would be acceptable proof and they would not have to be tested again by CTFPD.

Much discussion was had regarding the test procedures to be put in place and possible staffing issues which may occur if members refuse to comply. District Trustees agreed members are being given a choice whether to be vaccinated or tested and all state mandates issued will be enforced by CTFPD.

Closed Session: None.

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

Motion to Adjourn the October 4, 2021 meeting at 7:58 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.