



**CRETE TOWNSHIP  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 2022 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING**

**January 10, 2022**

**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, Chief Panega, Deputy Chief Radtke

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

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the minutes of the December 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 - 166 calls were reported for the month of December; 1,630 calls for the year 2021.

**EMS Report:** Written report presented. A demo of the Lucas CPR Device is in service; a grant request has been submitted for the purchase of two devices. There is currently an issue with fire departments being held up at the hospital 2-3 hours due to prolonged wait times to transfer patient care to the ED as a result of the spike in Covid/Flu cases.

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

**Grant Summary:** No report. Chief Panega stated two grants are being submitted; one for a new tender and the second for an SCBA compressor and bottles.

**Fire Prevention:** Written report submitted. Goodenow dump and New Star Services have had their fire alarms turned over to a third-party call-in service rather than a direct connect to Laraway Communication Center.

**Deputy Chief:** Written report submitted. Currently, the Kurtz contract continues to have two vacancies. A new part time member is scheduled to begin training tomorrow. CTFPD continues to advertise for paid on call membership through social media and the signs. Contact has been made with members delinquent on monthly training. Pump testing is complete as of December 2021. Accident and ambulance billing are current. CTFPD has received \$969.00 from the Covid Relief-4 application and an additional \$500.00 payment from the Rural Covid Relief fund. The District was also approved to receive funds through the GEMT program under the State of Illinois which provides additional funding beyond what is received for Medicare and Medicaid billings. Information is being gathered to transfer over to the new Zoll Fire Report System replacing FireHouse Software. A separate report was presented listing incident statistics and the number of mutual aid responses for the year 2021.

**Chief's Report:** Written report was presented. Covid testing of unvaccinated employees continues to go well. CTFPD is working with Will County and Balmoral Race Track regarding the application for a Special Use Permit in order to park semi-trailers in the parking lot. The bond payment for January 2021 has been completed. An IPRF Grant, in the amount of \$8,124.00, has been received and will be utilized to purchase portable radios.

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

**Communications:** **Dyer Fire Department – Thank You** - A thank you was received from Dyer Fire Department for responding to a structure fire on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**OSHA Form 300 & 300A** – Chief Panega reported there were no work comp injuries reported for the year 2021.

**Crete Township Firefighter's Association** – Chief Panega stated the Holiday party has been canceled due to the rise in Covid. Service plaques were presented to Trustee Zimmerman for fifteen years of service and Trustee Miller for thirty years of service.

**Old Business:** **Negotiation of Kurtz Contract** – A contract from Kurtz Paramedic Services was presented including the following conditions as previously discussed:

- \$60,000.00 annual salary for contract employees
- Supervisor role will earn an additional \$2.00/hour
- Kurtz Paramedic Services will offer a \$2,000.00/1 year stay bonus to each contract employee currently providing services under this agreement

The annual compensation paid to AMR will increase to \$613,000.00 paid in monthly installments. Discussion was had regarding the contract as presented and the possibility of going out to bid for the contract service.

Motion by Trustee Miller to approve the Second Amendment to the Contract with Kurtz Paramedic Services, effective May 1, 2022, in the amount of \$613,000.00. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

**New Business:**        **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 Miller. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

**Closed Session:**        None.

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

**Motion to Adjourn the January 10, 2022 meeting at 7:57 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.**