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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 2024 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING

April 29, 2024

Crete Township Fire Protection District – Station #41

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1:00 PM – Trustee Miller called to order the continuation of the April 8, 2024 CTFPD Trustees' Meeting for the purpose of approving final bills and closing Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Trustee Miller, Trustee Zimmerman, Chief Radtke, Assistant Chief Swanson, Trustee Peterlin arrived 1:17 pm

Absent - Captain Veste, Lieutenant Moeller, Lieutenant Pinnick

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

Communications: None.

Old Business: **Discussion and Possible Approval of Adjustments to Paid On Call Program** – The Chief and Assistant Chief reported they are proposing to adjust the point system and increase the budget for the paid on call program from \$44,000.00 to \$60,000.00 a year. As a result, the pay rate per call should fall within the required salary range. The POC program may have to be reviewed and adjusted each fiscal year. Final details regarding changes will be presented at the May District Meeting.

Approve Resolution #2024-01 – A Resolution of the Crete Township Fire Protection District, Will County, Illinois to Transfer Funds from the Fire (Corporate) Fund to the Ambulance Fund Pertaining to Social Security Taxes – Motion by Trustee Miller to approve Resolution #2024-01 and transfer \$5,000.00 from the Fire (Corporate) fund to the Ambulance fund due to a cost overrun on the Social Security taxes. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (2-yes, 0-no, 1-absent)

Approve Contract for Firefighter/EMS Service – Metro Paramedic Services – Chief Radtke recommended the District approve Option #2, increasing the starting wage for a contract employee to \$75,000.00 a year and increasing the annual cost of the contract to \$738,426.24. The Metro contract currently has three members assigned to CTFPD. Metro has also furnished

three part-time contract employees to assist in filling the three vacant full-time contract spots. Additional vacant contract positions continue to be filled by District employees. The Chief and Assistant Chief continue to look at different options to provide adequate emergency services and assist with the absence of manpower. Metro Paramedic Services has agreed to meet in October if there is no improvement in staffing the contract. Assistant Chief Swanson recommended the Trustees plan on attending this meeting as well. After much discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Miller to approve the contract – option #2 with Metro Paramedic Services for six (6) Firefighter/Paramedics and increasing the starting wage to \$75,000.00 per year resulting in an annual cost to the District of \$738,426.24. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Discuss / Approval of Pay Raises – Chief Radtke stated due to the percentage increase in wages to the contract employees and the continued increase in cost of living, he recommends a 5% pay increase for all District employees, part-time and POC. Upon review of the budget, a motion was made by Trustee Zimmerman to approve a 5% wage increase for all District employees, both part-time and POC, effective May 1, 2024. Second Trustee Miller. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

New Business:

Misc. Items: Trustee Miller stated he had met with Chief Radtke regarding the preliminary budget. A brief discussion was had regarding future vehicle replacement. Assistant Chief Swanson reported he had estimates on the price of a rechassis vs. a new ambulance for Trustees to review. Due to the length of time it takes to get a new vehicle, Assistant Chief Swanson requested direction from the Board by the May District Meeting in order to move forward with an Ambulance Committee.

Chief Radtke and Assistant Chief Swanson reported they met with the Chiefs of Crete Fire Department to discuss ways in which both departments can work together in order to provide more efficient services to the residents.

Closed Session: None.

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

Motion to Adjourn the April 29, 2024 meeting at 1:46 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.