



Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

**William Natick, President
Richard Fisher, Secretary
Karl Langhammer, Treasurer
James Panopoulos, Trustee
Brian Jordan, Trustee**

CAROL STREAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES November 8, 2021

President William Natick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Present: Trustee Brian Jordan, Trustee James Panopoulos, Trustee Karl Langhammer, Trustee Richard Fisher, President William Natick, Chief Robert Schultz, Deputy Chief Tom Nash, Battalion Chief Chad Grandgeorge, James Howard, and Attorney Joe Miller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Jordan motioned to approve the open meeting minutes from October 11, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Fisher, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Fisher motioned to approve the closed meeting minutes from October 11, 2021 and to keep them closed. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Travel Expenses

N/A

Approval of Payment of Bills

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the payment of bills from October 25, 2021 in the amount of \$450,264.03. Seconded by Trustee Fisher, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the payment of bills from November 8, 2021 in the amount of \$361,047.30. Seconded by Trustee Fisher, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports

James Howard presented the Board with the Treasurer's Report for months ending September 30, 2021.

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months ending September 30, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Fischer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Advance Notice of Intent to Purchase

N/A

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Carol Stream Fire Protection District Firefighters' Pension Fund 2021 Compliance Report

James Howard presented the CSFPD Firefighters' Pension Fund 2021 Compliance Report.

The Board review and received the CSFPD Firefighters' Pension Fund 2021 Compliance report.

Tax Levy Ordinance

James Howard presented the Board with the Tax Levy Ordinance.

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-02, Levying and Assessing Taxes of Carol Stream Fire Protection Districts DuPage County, IL for 2021. Seconded by Trustee Fisher, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

2022 Board Meeting Dates

The Board was presented the 2022 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates. Meeting dates to be published.

Hiring of 6 New Firefighter/Paramedics

Chief Schultz is requesting to hire (6) total new firefighters to fill the (3) current vacancies from retirements and the (3) additional extra firefighters that the District had in 2019 prior to the end of the contract with PSI. He would like to get the process started with the Board and Commission so, if approved they new hire can possibly start in the early new year.

Trustee Panopolous discussed the average cost for a new firefighter for the District with salary, pension and benefits and believes it would be over \$90,000.00. He noted that more employees would equal more overtime. Deputy Chief Nash noted that only 3 people are allowed off each day.

Trustee Langhammer noted that they need to look at the cost savings for right now plus overtime – there will be increases with retirees but we need to be proactive.

DC Nash noted that when he was the union president, they looked at things like this – 2-3 extra people to keep you even – some years you’ll save money, some years you’ll spend money. Operationally the benefits are there. Trustee Panopoulos asked if they only hired (2) instead of the extra three, would that work?

Chief Schultz stated that at some point he needs to get people trained to act up to learn and be Battalion Chiefs – they’re not trying to pad anything but it does concern him with how much overtime some people are working. Calls are going up, the demand for service is going up. We work hard to go after grants and we are getting a lot of them.

Trustee Langhammer stated that this group is totally transparent with us, they never bring something to us that will not benefit the district or the tax payers. From an operational standpoint I think we should give them the nod to hire the extra (3). Trustee Panopoulos noted that he understands this point of view, but would never want to pass something down that wasn’t in the districts best interest.

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the hiring of (6) new firefighter/paramedics. Seconded by Trustee Fisher, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Promotion of 1 Firefighter/Paramedic to Lieutenant

With the retirement of one Lieutenant, Chief Schultz is asking to promote the next firefighter on the Lieutenant list. The next firefighter/paramedic on the list is Tim Cicero.

Trustee Jordan motioned to approve the promotion of (1) firefighter/paramedic to lieutenant. Seconded by President Natick, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reports of Trustees, Chiefs, and Attorneys

Chief Schultz informed the Board that the firefighter/paramedic that resigned picked up their gear and belongings from the District today.

Chief Schultz informed the Board that at next months meeting there will be a presentation for the SCBA’s and the grant that the District received.

Chief Schultz would like to start forming the committee for the new Engine 29 which is being budgeted for in 2022’s budget. He also informed the Board that the county is working on a deal to have new STARCOMM radios distributed – more information to come at next months meeting.

Chief Schultz received two retirement notifications for the end of November, Rick Bonk and Greg Schwarze.

Deputy Chief Nash informed the Board that Station 28 received the drain for the driveway today, the concrete will be poured this week and the project should be complete by the end of the week.

Deputy Chief Nash stated the Station 27 is almost finished with repairs due to the flooding. The rubber flooring just needs to be replaced and one seam in the carpet will be fixed. A claim was submitted through IRMA.

Trustee Jordan thanked everyone who helped hand out the glowsticks on Halloween.

Trustee Fisher mentioned that the EMS citation ceremony was very nice and was really cool to be able to have the patient and patient's family there with them.

Public Comments

Fire Commission Ken Anderko thanked the Board for their approval of the additional firefighter/paramedics.

There being no further reports or business to conduct at 8:33 p.m. Trustee Jordan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Note: The next regular Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Richard Kammes Fire Protection District Station 28, located on Kuhn Road in Carol Stream.


Richard Fisher, Board Secretary