

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On November 28, 2016, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Liberty Bank, 3112 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois pursuant to the regular meeting schedule of the Board.

In attendance were Trustees Ford, Rynders, and Hand. Fire Chief Kambarian; Fire Commissioners Sherman and Clemons; members of the Fire Department; members of the public; and legal counsel for the District were also present.

The Chair first called upon the Chief to make certain presentations. Chief Kambarian called forth Fire Department member Scott Haegle for departure upon his resignation from the Fire Department after giving over 20 years of service to the District and the community it serves from 1996 through 2016. The Chief noted that Firefighter Haegle had served for 21 years as a paid on call member of the Department and had responded to over 2,000 calls. In recognition of his service, his helmet and a plaque were awarded to Mr. Haegle who received the congratulations of those in attendance by standing ovation.

The Chief next call forth probationary paid on call Firefighters Byrd, Dawdy, and Halliday for recognition upon completion of their requirements and to be sworn in as full status POC firefighters with the Fire Department. Board of Fire Commissioner's Chair Sherman was requested to administer the oath of office to Firefighters Byrd, Dawdy, and Halliday. Following the administration of the oath, members of the firefighters' family were called forward to pin on the badges and name plates of each member. The Chief then called retiring Firefighter Haegle forward to present the three members with

their helmets. The firefighters then received a standing ovation for their accomplishments and welcoming them to service in the District.

The Chair next declared a short recess of the meeting.

Upon resumption of the meeting at 7:20 p.m., the Chair called for consideration of the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on October 24, 2016 and November 16, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved, to approve the minutes as presented.

The Chair next called for the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer presented his report in the usual manner which included the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurance Funds as of October 31, 2016 reflecting cash on hand at October 1, 2016 of \$712,313.32, receipts during the month of \$317,388.82, and disbursements during the month of \$153,430.57 leaving a balance at October 31, 2016 of \$876,271.57. The Treasurer also presented the Cash on Hand Distribution Report reflecting the various deposits held by the District and the Fund Designation Report. Additionally, the Treasurer presented the October 2016 Expenditure Report by budget line item reflecting expenditures during the month of October, fiscal year to date expenditures by line item, and remaining budget line item balance; the Financial Statement for the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of October 31, 2016; the Tax Receipts Summary & Disbursement Report through October 11, 2016; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for October 2016; the Detail-Receipts & Expenditures Report for October 2016; the Detail & Expenditures Report for October, 2016; the Detail-Receipts & Expenditures Report for October 2016; the Reconciliation Summary for the Liberty Bank Checking Account for the period ending October 31, 2016; the

Reconciliation Detail Report for the Liberty Bank Checking Account for the period ending October 31, 2016; the Statement for the Liberty Bank Checking Account dated October 31, 2016; the Regions Bank Checking Account Statement for the period September 23, 2016 through October 21, 2016. After reviewing these reports, upon motion of Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The Chair next called for approval of payment of bills and a motion was made by Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved to approve the payment of bills as same come due during the routine course of business in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the Board of Fire Commissioners' Report. Mr. Sherman reported there was no report, however he indicated that the Commissioners would be meeting in December.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. The President advised there was no report.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. The Chief presented his report in written form in the usual manner. He then reviewed certain contents from his report as well as other items with the Board.

The Chief reported to the Board that the icemaker at Station No. 1 had failed over the prior weekend and that the cost of repairing the machine would not be warranted in the circumstances. The Chief recommended replacing the machine although this would be a non-budgeted expense.

Turning to personnel, the Chief reviewed the status of Firefighter Haegle and the three paid on call firefighters who had joined the Department earlier in the meeting. The Chief also commended Firefighter Fry for receiving the Alton Area

Optimist Club First Responder Award and Firefighter Halliday for an off duty response to a fatal car accident in the City of Alton.

The Chief advised that a new POC selection process is underway.

The Chief commended all of the members of the Fire Department who assisted in the recent referendum effort.

Turning to Station/Apparatus/Equipment, the Chief advised that it appears that the repair budget for apparatus will be exceeded during the current fiscal year due to ongoing repair expenses. He noted that Unit 1410 is currently out of service and that 1422 will need to have a spring replacement in addition to the other work to be performed on that apparatus. He noted that Firefighters Wilson and Hamberg have been working diligently to maintain the operating condition of the trucks, but this continues to be a difficult task.

The Chief called upon Mr. Hamberg who reported to the Board regarding the possible refurbishment of one of the District's current fire apparatus. He noted that according to one vendor, Precision, the cost would be in the range of \$150,000 for the refurbishment with an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 in mechanical work. He noted that a "remount" could also be considered which would involve removing the body from the current apparatus and installing it on a new chassis. Mr. Hamberg advised that he would be receiving an additional quote from Sentinel.

The Chief reported that the new breathing air compressor has been installed and that the old breathing air compressor has been sold. The Chief indicated that excess grant funds from the air compressor grant are available and he is recommending the use of those monies to purchase stabilization struts.

The Chief indicated that he is still awaiting a quotation from Hartman Walsh for repair to the floor at Station No. 1.

The Chief reported regarding grants and noted that the IPRF grant for the coming year would be \$13,657 and that this would be utilized for turnout gear and personal protective equipment. He then reviewed the other pending grant applications, but noted that replacement extrication gear will likely be needed in advance of any grant award.

The Chief advised that business inspections continue apace.

The Chief concluded his report by repeating that replacement extrication equipment is needed and that he is seeking a possible donation for that equipment. He also noted that the Red Cross smoke alarm partnership has been a success with over 100 alarms installed. The Chief advised that Richard Georgewitz has donated a residence for training purposes. The Chief indicated that longevity checks are ready for issuance and are due for payment on December 1, 2017 and that points checks are similarly prepared for distribution on that same date.

The Board next took up the request of the Chief for a replacement icemaker at Station No. 1 and a motion was made by Mr. Hand, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously approved to authorize the purchase of a replacement icemaker at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 for Station No. 1.

The Board next considered the Chief's request for the use of excess FEMA funds to purchase struts for vehicle stabilization at a cost of approximately \$1,900. A motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Hand, and unanimously approved to approve the requested expenditure.

A motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Hand, and unanimously approved to authorize the issuance of Longevity and Points Payments checks.

The Board briefly discussed with the Chief the cost of a new fire apparatus. The Chief indicated that a base unit would be approximately \$400,000 and that a truck which is the equivalent of the last new apparatus purchased by the District would be in the range of \$600,000.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney advised that there was no report.

The meeting next turned to public comments. Firefighter Lair reported that a family had been located for sponsorship for Christmas.

The meeting next turned to old business.

The Chair noted that a hearing on the 2016 tax levies would be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016. The meeting will be held at Station No. 2.

The Board next heard briefly from the Chief regarding the status of matters regarding Unit 1412 and Spartan Motors. The Chief and Mr. Hamberg are coordinating with Spartan for the work at Ziebart on the truck.

The meeting next turned to new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting.

The meeting next turned to the Good of the Order. There was no report.

It was noted that there were no personnel matters to be taken up.

Thereafter, there being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

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Terry L. Ford, Secretary of the  
Board of Trustees

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**Being all of the Trustees of the  
Godfrey Fire Protection District**