



HUNTLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Huntley Fire Protection District 8/17/2021 at 9:00AM Station One

Trustee Brown called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. Roll call noted, present were Trustee Brown, Trustee Bayser, Trustee Saletta, Trustee Davis and Trustee Mahoney. Also present were Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Levendoski, Deputy Chief Fortunato, Attorney Miller, Administrative Professional Thompson, members of the Huntley Fire Protection District and Phil Laier from Amita Health. The meeting opened at 9:00AM.

The meeting participants stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations: Phil Laier and Lt. Brian Harders presented the Years of Service awards to several of our members. Years of service ranged from 10 years to 35 years.

Phil Laier left at 9:06AM.

Trustee Davis entered the meeting at 9:11AM.

Battalion Chief Eric Bentley presented awards to some of our members for a call regarding a child in a pond from March 17, 2019. He presented a Unit Situation Award to the crew on Truck 983, which was the first time our organization has received this award. Firefighter Eric Smith and Firefighter Christopher Jagels also received the Firefighter Excellence Award.

Members of the Huntley Fire Protection District left the meeting at 9:13AM.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$781,549.98, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Lauterbach and Amen Budget Report: We have received all tax payouts for the first half of the year. Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Lauterbach and Amen Report, which is in the Board packet, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2021 as distributed, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Closed Meeting minutes from July 20, 2021 and keep them closed, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

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Correspondence: We received a customer service survey with a donation enclosed. We also received thank you letters for Battalion Chief Bentley for his talks at the Italian American Social Club and National Night Out. We sent two hazmat techs to Crystal Lake to help when President Biden came.

Attorney Report: We are still waiting for a hearing date for one of our members regarding a pension matter. The Counties did not include Fire Protection Districts in their new stimulus, so the Chiefs need to get in contact with the Counties about that. We need to get a survey done of old Station 1. Soil samples will be taken as well.

General Report: We are at 3,344 calls, which is up 331 calls from last year. School starts tomorrow, August 18, 2021 and the kids are going back to in person school. We will be sending crews out to the schools to welcome kids. Lieutenant testing is next month. All applications are in and points are submitted. September 11th ceremony will be with the Village in the square. Battalion Chief Bentley will be speaking. We have a new representative with BMO Harris Bank. We still have one member on light duty, and another will go on light duty October 4, 2021 for hip replacement. The Cop on the Top is August 20, 2021 at noon. We won the softball game against the police.

Alarm Response: We are up about 9% from last year. We increase about 7% a year normally. Our response time is improving.

We may be requiring our members to wear masks to grocery stores and other public places, but we do still always wear them on all calls. More healthcare facilities are requiring all members to get vaccinated. We have talked with the Lieutenants to make sure they know they can send someone home if they are sick at all. There may be some consideration to daily testing for those unvaccinated. We still have around 500 tests left. We may start doing temperature checks again every morning along with a symptom survey.

EMS Dispatches: How is the falls call volume? Still pretty high.

Hospitals Report: They are still getting quite a few COVID patients.

Mobile Integrated Health: Lt. Gitzke has been busy seeing a lot of people. She is making a lot of good contacts with people around the area. She has been able to set people up with the services they need.

Fire Prevention Report: Cider Grove will bring 60 houses. It seems like there is a lot of commercial coming in and that a lot of growth will be coming in the next few years.

Trustee Mahoney left the meeting at 10:05AM.
Trustee Mahoney entered back in at 10:08AM.

Public Education Report: Battalion Chief Bentley is still working with the schools.

Customer Service Surveys: We are at 53% and all very positive.

Facilities Report: All generators were serviced. We had one bad radiator but that was fixed. The garage doors at Station 2 had two springs break. Station 1 will probably have the entire interior painted under warranty. The bay floor at Station 4 is being repaired.

Apparatus Maintenance: Truck 983 is back in service. Engine 945 is in repair. Engine 942 needs the front intake valve replaced.

Committee Reports: Safety Committee meets September 8, 2021. Labor management meets August 19, 2021. Foreign Fire approved Irene to come back and she bought 15 pedal bikes for us. She comes early for the day staff one day a week.

Insurance: Nothing to report.

SEECOM: Nothing to report.

Board of Commissioners: They have been meeting quite a bit for the Full Time and Lieutenants testing. On August 28, 2021 the new list will be posted. The Chiefs points have been submitted.

Fire Cost Recovery: We received \$2,040.40.

Grant Applications: We have not heard anything more about the Safer Grant. We are making sure several of our members will get some money back from their paramedic class, which is paid by the grant. There are few other grants we are going to go for.

Village/Counties: We met with the Village. Several of our members showed up for National Night Out.

Other:

Old Business: The national average is to have 1.52 firefighters per 1,000 residents. We are at 1 per 1,000. We would need 93 full time members to achieve that and we are at 60. We are lower in staff than like-size communities around our area. There was some discussion on potential staffing models. Firefighter Madsen has been doing great transitioning into the Training Officer position.

New Business:

Approve: Declare Surplus 2018 Bravo Red and Black trailer 30" V nose: Trustee Bayser motioned to declare surplus on the 2018 Bravo Red and Black trailer 30" V nose, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Approve: EMC Fire- Extrication equipment \$33,185.00: This is for e-tools to put on the truck. They are battery operated tools. Trustee Davis motioned to approve the purchase of EMC Fire extrication equipment in the amount of \$33,185.00, seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Approve: IPRF grant \$14,725.00: This will be used for training equipment, new TVs for Station 4, a tablet for Lt. Gitzke to track her and headsets for the reserve engine. Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the purchase of the above items using the IPRF grant in the amount of \$14,725.00, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Approve: Josh Koelper College reimbursement \$334.50: Trustee Davis motioned to approve the College tuition reimbursement for Josh Koelper in the amount of \$334.50, seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Approve Kevin Billenstein College reimbursement \$1,338.00: Trustee Davis motioned to approve the College tuition reimbursement for Kevin Billenstein in the amount of \$1,338.00, seconded by Trustee Mahoney. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

There was some discussion of a possible conflict having the same attorney's office representing both the Commission and the Fire District.

Trustees Agenda:

Old Business: None

New Business:

Trustee Davis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Bayser. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 10:45AM.

President Milford Brown

Secretary Bonnie Bayser

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