North Aurora Fire Protection District

2 N Monroe Street • North Aurora, IL 60542

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12/20/2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Trustees present: Kevin Fatten, Gerry Auchstetter, Chuck Kuhn, and Gerry Freese
Present: Chief Mike Klemencic, Deputy Chief Bunkofske, Battalion Chief Joe Wilmes, Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Jon Falduto, Jon Gray, and Crystal Pennington.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the November 2023 meeting minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.

Correspondence

Chief Klemencic presented the board with the final reports for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Audit prepared by Sikich, LLC. He stated that this will need to be approved during the January Trustees meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to approve the November 2023 Treasurer's Report. Vote taken; all in favor.

Presentation of Bills for Payment

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the November 2023 bills that were presented for payment. Vote taken; all in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve insurance renewal with Assured Partners for property, general liability, auto, management liability, inland marine, umbrella, cyber liability, crime, accident and health, and workers compensation policy. Vote taken; all in favor.
b. A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to authorize an amount not to exceed $80,000.00 to purchase a new Chevrolet Tahoe under the emergency exemption to the bidding law due to lack of joint purchasing capability and lack of stock and availability. Vote taken, all in favor.

Report of Fire Chief

a. Run Report –
    a) November 2023 – 260 Calls
    b) November 2022– 204 Calls
    c) As of December 13, 2023-2,601, 2022-2,460
b. November Anniversaries- Nelson 25 Years, Webster 16 Years, LaChappell and Scheiber 1 Year
c. Chief Klemencic reported that Administration and the Union are in the final stages of implementing an apprenticeship program that will award individuals extra points during the hiring process.
d. Chief Klemencic requested that the board of trustees consider changing new hire requirements to exclude the requirement for candidates to hold a paramedic license to prevent losing some of our paid-on call employees to other departments that no longer require it. The Board agreed that changing the requirements will help the district keep quality candidates. Chief Klemencic will continue to pursue the changes with the union.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Shawn Flaherty reported legislation will not be meeting again until January 16th. There are four bills going to legislation that will affect fire districts that he will be watching. He also stated that Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd, will be raising their hourly rate starting in January. They are considering not keeping attorneys on retainer. He will keep the board updated on what will happen if changes are made.

Committee Reports

Fire Station Replacement

Chief Klemencic reported that IDOT is very close to finalizing the curb cut details. When that is completed, the district can close on the property from the village. Com Ed should be burying the poles soon and the steel roof is about one to two weeks from being put up.

Southern Kane County Training Association

Chief Klemencic stated that the Village of North Aurora has some concerns regarding the property swap with Southern Kane County Training Association. While addressing these issues it came to light that we are responsible for paying for water from the hydrants. These hydrants should be metered and have not been. He does not believe they will retroactively charge the association but from here on out they will be charged.

Trustees' Comments

Trustee Auchstetter stated that he was very impressed with the hard work and time the association put into making this years Turkey Raffle a success.

Closed Session

None

Consideration of other matters as may lawfully come before the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm at North Aurora Fire Station 1.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Crystal Pennington