
Bourbonnais Fire Protection District

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
1080 Armour Road – Station #1

1. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the BFPD Board of Trustees was called to order by President Myers at 4:09 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** President, Randy Myers; Senior Trustee Paul Grzelak, Treasurer, Bill Hemm; Secretary, Alice Argyelan; Chief, Jim Keener; and, Attorney, John Motylinski.

Meeting Agenda was suspended to move forward and address:

11.a, and 11.b.: Swearing in of Firefighters/Paramedics Daniel Hill and Lucas Schejbal: Several family members of these two gentlemen were on hand to witness the official swearing in of both FF/PM Hill and Schejbal. Swearing in was performed by Senior Trustee Grzelak, with an added Certification of Completion for FF/PM Hill as he has completed his Rope Training. Everyone in attendance applauded these two new members of BFPD and wished them a fulfilling and safe career with the District.

11.c: Discuss/Approve Providence Legal: Myron Munyon appeared to review and present an Insurance Proposal for BFPD Property and Casualty Insurance coverages. Questions were asked. Mr. Munyon will investigate added credits which may be available based upon the questions presented.

Sawyer/Falduto Asset Management Update: Edward J. Lavin was in attendance and presented information concerning the Districts investment accounts. Mr. Lavin reviewed the information contained in the printed booklets distributed to everyone in attendance.

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
A motion was made by Treasurer Hemm, seconded by President Myers at 4:56 p.m. to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Secretary's Report:** None
6. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was tabled due to funds being recently transferred since printing of reports and clarifications needing to be made. This will be brought back to the next meeting.
7. **Bills for Approval:** Following review and questions concerning the costs of background checks, a motion was made by President Myers, seconded by Treasurer Hemm at 4:59 p.m. to approve the bills for payment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
8. **Attorney's Report:** Attorney Motylinski reported a variety of legislative items including the bill concerning accumulations discussed previously, passing through committee and the House. The bill will move to the Senate. The legislation proposed about increasing the amount of spending triggering the bidding requirements did not pass in the original format presented with limits for traditional services still being the same. Firefighter Paid Leave Act, HB3908 easily passed the House and will go before the Senate. The loosely worded bill may prove to be a detriment to fire

districts in the State of Illinois. A more tightly worded legislative piece may be more palatable. Everyone was encouraged to reach out to their State Legislators.

9. **Reports:**

- a. Chief's Report: Chief Keener presented everyone with a report on activities this past month. The Chief noted he will be out of town May 14 through 19, and then attend IL Chief Meeting May 22-23. The Chief informed everyone the pad replacement project will begin tomorrow. Treasurer Hemm queried about the plan, to which Chief said the contractor will do sections, working from East to West, and there will need to be ambulances parked in the lot. Chief mentioned the tax-exempt hearing scheduled for May 14th about property on Route 45. Discussion ensued. Attorney Motylinski will review the application in case there is additional knowledge we need to know before the meeting. On behalf of B/C Gebhardt, whose written report was included, highlighted the following: A60 should be back in service within the next week or two, having passed State inspection; Rental apartments being sold, 105 in total, resulted in 42 failing and requiring follow up inspections to ensure public safety. CSL is replacing their water system and experienced an emergent electrical issue. The Chief was able to intervene, reaching out to Com-Ed after which they received a rapid and complete response from Com-ed. The Chief briefly spoke of a meeting between B/C and Mark Watson regarding T69 pump issues. Dollar Tree is moving ahead. B/C reviewed plans for sprinkler system.
- b. Ambulance Billing Report: Chief Keener highlighted the written report and explained the change of ownership and employees resulting in GEMT billing being so low. CMS is currently auditing our records to ensure proper reimbursement.
- c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Building Grounds – Written report presented.
 - ii. Birthdays and Anniversaries: Written report presented.

10. **Old Business:**

- a. Discuss/Approve Referendum: President Myers reported on the existence of a ballot initiative committee named Friends of Bourbonnais Emergency Response who are working as a group to share information with the public, so people can make educated decisions concerning the referendum.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Addressed at beginning of meeting.
- b. Addressed at beginning of meeting.
- c. Discuss/Approve Discuss/Approve Provident Insurance Proposal: Following discussion on the need to have the quote refined, a motion was made by Treasurer Hemm, seconded by Secretary Argyelan to accept the insurance renewal in an amount not to exceed \$59,973. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Discuss/Review Tax Compilation Report: Attorney Motylinski explained the report in detail.
- e. Discuss/Approve Committee Efficiency Members: Brief update was given about need for and scheduling 3 required meetings. The Chief will check the dates and inform the Trustees.
- f. Discuss/Approve Board Reappointments: Pension Board Reappointments are due. A motion was made by Secretary Argyelan, seconded by Senior Trustee Grzelak at 5:45 p.m. to reappoint Vernon Mitchell and Randy Myers to the BFPD Pension Board. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- g. Discuss/Approve Notary Renewal: President Myers questioned the need for a Board member to be an Illinois Notary. Attorney Motylinski stated this is not a necessity. No action was needed.
- h. Discuss/Approve Blue Cross/Blue Shield Changes: Chief spoke of renewal rates and plans. A meeting between the bargaining leadership and BFPD be held to discuss options available.
- i. Discuss Riverside Tax-Exempt Status Hearing: Discussed earlier.

Short discussion was held about upcoming negotiations for the CBA renewal. The Chief hopes to have an initial meeting to hear what the bargaining unit is looking for and asked the full Board to let me know what their priorities are for the next contract period. No action needed.

12. **Closed Session:** None

Adjourn

A motion was made by President Myers, seconded by Senior Trustee Grzelak at 6:14 p.m. to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the BFPD Board of Trustees. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alice E. Argyelan, Secretary

Randy Myers, President