
Bourbonnais Fire Protection District

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
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 4:03 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge.
3. **Roll Call:** President, Randy Myers; Senior Trustee, Paul Grzelak; Treasurer, Bill Hemm; Secretary, Alice Argyelan; Trustee Rob Casino, Chief, Jim Keener; and, Attorney, John Motylinski.
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Treasurer Hemm made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casino at 4:05 p.m. to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024. Secretary Argyelan noted the two meetings held previously needing to have the minutes approved, those being the Regular meeting from August and Closed Session Meeting from June and will need to appear on the November Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Secretary's Report:** None
7. **Treasurer's Report:**

District Treasurer, Bill Hemm reported on deposit account balances at People's Bank of Kankakee County: Checking \$419,991.95, Money Market \$106,251.94, and Illinois Funds \$370,414.89. Interest rates on the accounts are 0.35; 3.94; and 4.94 percent, respectively.
8. **Bills for Approval:** Treasurer Hemm questioned whether IAFPD was no longer going to cover the expense of State Officers attending meetings, as there was a \$200 expense this past month. Senior Trustee Grzelak stated this was only for the combined meeting last year. Moving forward, the longstanding practice of covering State Officers' attendance fees will continue. A motion was made by Treasurer Hemm, seconded by Secretary Argyelan to approve the bills for payment as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Edward Lavin, CIO of Sawyer Falduto attended and presented the most updated quarterly report of FFPD Investments. Trustees shared their appreciation for the information.
9. **Attorney's Report:** Attorney Motylinski stated there is an upcoming election of Pension Board Members. There is only one candidate from the fire service, Karl Langhammer from Carol Stream, IL. President Myers will complete the ballot on behalf of the District according to the recommendation of legal council to help elect someone from the fire service to the Pension Board. Veto Session will begin two weeks prior to Thanksgiving break. No legislative issues for BFPD are currently slated. If something does come up, Attorney Motylinski will contact Chief Keener and the Board. Attorney Motylinski presented the Pension Levy for BFPD. The amount of the levy was discussed. Board members concurred the levy amount needs to match our approved budget in the amount of \$211,000. Attorney Motylinski will prepare the levy as directed.
10. **Reports:**

- a. Chief's Report: Chief Keener provided his monthly report via email. Of note, the Chief spoke of the drive shaft on Engine 61, stating it is his hope repairs will be completed by tomorrow. The Chief briefly spoke of a brush fire today which resulted in a citation being issued. The Chief reported the McHenry command car bid was not accepted.
- b. Ambulance Billing Report: The written report was included in the packet. Billing amounts were down. The Chief is following up to ensure the billing company is up to date.
- c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Building Grounds – Chief reported on a sewer backup occurring which needed professionals to clean the areas effected. Trustee Casino mentioned B/C Gebhardt should be hearing more about the telephone system soon.
 - ii. Recognition: Birthdays and Anniversaries. Written report presented.

11. **Old Business:**

- a. Discuss/Approve Referendum: There was no significant update presented. Sharing of post reactions on social media were discussed. BFPD will continue to post information concerning the excellent work continuing within the district.

12. **New Business:**

- a. Discuss/Approve Preliminary Levy Ordinance: Attorney Motylinski presented two Levy Ordinances; one specifically designed for use if the referendum passes, and one specifically for use if the referendum fails. Following discussion, a motion was made by President Myers, seconded by Secretary Argyelan at 4:45 p.m. to approve the Levees as presented, utilizing 105% of last year's number if referendum does not pass, and levy \$4,227,828 if referendum does, in fact pass. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. If the referendum passes, BFPD will post a public notice and hold a Truth in Taxation hearing on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

13. **Closed Session:** None:

14. **General Updates/Reminders:**

Secretary Argyelan mentioned there are Lexipol policy updates needing to be reviewed and potentially approved. These will be brought to the Regular Board Meetings beginning in December 2024. To give everyone an opportunity to review them and comment. Treasurer Hemm asked if there was an update for the Open House on October 26. Pancake Breakfast will be from 9:00 to Noon (setup at 7:00 a.m.) and general open house from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Chief Keener emailed everyone his PowerPoint of information concerning EMS calls.

Adjourn

A motion was made by President Myers, seconded by Senior Trustee Grzelak at 4:59 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