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Central Stickney Fire Protection District
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Bruce Zelasko, President
Fortino Carrillo, Treasurer
Karl Frixen, Secretary

March 9, 2023

The Central Stickney Fire Protection District Board held their Regular Monthly Meeting on March 9, 2023 at the Central Stickney Fire House, 4951 S. Lotus Avenue, Stickney Township, Illinois, 60638.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

Fortino Carrillo
Karl Frixen
Bruce Zelasko

ALSO PRESENT

Jason Staidl, Deputy Chief
Mike Cainkar, Attorney
Sue Stanart, Recording Secretary

Mr. Zelasko called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dane Mall from Alliant Insurance Services addressed the Board to explain that he has been in communication with Chief McMahon during the week to explain that the quote received for the Department is not final. He's working with your carrier to lower your rate. Workman's Comp is OK, it renewed on January 1, 2023, but VFIS is under negotiation due to the policy start date of 3/1/23. A 5.6% increase was noted – property values went up so the cost goes up also. A trend in increased claims have increased insurance quotes everywhere. (Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust) ICRMT is also providing a quote which is on pages 8 & 9 in the package handed out to the Trustees. It's \$3,300 less than VFIS, but the deductibles go up by \$1000 and the Management Liability Claim deductible goes up to \$2,500.

Mr. Mall explained that he told VFIS that they had a competitive quote and that they can have a second chance to quote. We should get that in a few days, well before the March 22nd renewal date.

He also explained that the Worker's Comp Audit came back, so an \$1,800 refund should be coming back soon.

Mr. Mall also explained that some of his customers are getting hit with a 10% increase so your 5% increase isn't really all that bad. Next year we should try doing the same quote process with Workman's Comp Insurance to be sure it's the best it can be. He also added that he will be happy to do any inspections that VFIS used to do if you don't end up going with them.

The Board thanked Mr. Mall for his work on their behalf and coming to the meeting to present the information to them in person.

There was a short Board discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Carrillo to approve the February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Frixen to approve payment of the Bills Payable with a total disbursement of \$42,064.17.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Cainkar said that he didn't have anything to report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Carrillo read the following Treasurer's Report dated February, 2023:

Opening Balance for February 1, 2023		\$703,563.67
DEPOSITS		
2/3/2023	Medical Reimbursement	1,557.54
2/3/2023	Food & Flowers Club	232.00
2/9/2023	Cook County Tax	1,221.61
2/9/2023	Medical Reimbursement	986.20
2/17/2023	IPRF 2023 Safety Grant	3,870.00

2/17/2023	Liberty National Refund	59.42
2/23/2023	Medical Reimbursement	402.08
2/24/2023	Medical Reimbursement	150.19
2/27/2023	Cook County Tax	<u>512.27</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS FOR FEBRUARY, 2023		<u>\$ 8,991.31</u>

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL, TAXES, IMRF, FEES	61,576.90
BILLS PAID	<u>42,064.17</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY, 2023	<u>\$103,664.07</u>

CLOSING STATEMENT BALANCES FOR February 28, 2023:	CHECKING 2	\$ 207,495.63
	CHECKING 3	\$151,503.54
	SAVINGS	<u>\$249,778.67</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$608,777.84</u>

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Frixen to approve and accept the Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

D/C Staidl reported that there were 72 total calls for the month of February, 2023.

Fire:	49	Ambulance:	23
In-town Fires:	24	In-town:	17
M/A Fires:	25	M/A:	6

Fuel used: Gasoline: 54.9 gallons Diesel: 113.8 gallons

There are no major incidents to report.

Training & Haz-Mat:

Total Contact Training Hours for February: 756

Driver's Training: 224 Hours

Fire Training Topics: 289

Officer Training: 3

Vehicle Checks, Maintenance checks & Other: 240

January and February of 2023 we will complete all annual mandatory training modules:

Blood Borne Pathogens, Confined Space, Electrical Safety, Haz-Com, Hearing protection, HIPAA, Lock-out-Tag-out, Respiratory Protection, Trench Safety, EEOC Compliance, Sexual Harassment.

March we will begin with Hose Lead-outs as the weather changes.

We have been invited to train with Bedford Park beginning in March at their training tower. This will help us with compliance of Combined agency training and our annual OSHA live fire training.

We will attend 4 trainings with them this year: 3/16, 4/20, 9/21, 11/9

Vehicle, Equipment, and House Maintenance & Other:

- In February we had 0 new hires. Our Add in The Blue Line is still active however we have had no prospects from that add. Two members still on leave of absence (Naser, Corcoran)
- We are seeing some improvement in filling the schedule but we still have open shifts. We now have 32 members eligible monthly to fill the schedule.
- We received the 2023 IPRF Safety Grant for \$3,870.00. This grant went towards the purchase of Firefighting Gloves, Hoods and 5 pairs of Boots.
- The Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is moving forward. We have been awarded \$200,000.00 for the purchase of new SCBA. As this grant moves forward, I will advise the Board.

Jason Staidl read his Fire Prevention and Public Safety Report submitted for February, 2023:

1. I received notification from FSCI Patsy's Gaming Lounge 4835-39 S. Central Ave. fire alarm inspection passed with corrections on 02/07. (02/08)
2. I received notification from FSCI that Patsy's Gaming Lounge 4835-39 S. Central Ave. fire alarm inspection passed on 02/09. (02/09)
3. I conducted the occupancy inspection of the Target Sortation Center TI 5064 S. Merrimac Ave., they needed mount Knox Boxes, mount fire extinguishers, and correct 3 fire hydrant orientations. (02/10)
4. I conducted a consultation of OSI Rose packaging 4900 & 5000 S. Major Ave. I discussed the AES radio direct connect to OLREC, we also discussed numerous issues with the 5000 S. Major Ave., building. (02/10)
5. I conducted the occupancy inspection of the Patsy's Gaming Lounge 4835-39 S. Central Ave. all fire & life safety requirements passed. (02/10)
6. I received notification from FSCI that Silver Beauty 5800 W. 51st St submitted a first review for a sprinkler system modification in modular offices. (02/16)
7. I received notification from FSCI that Aemma Technology Solutions Inc. called for re-inspection on 01/25 at OSI Rose Packaging 5000 S. Major Ave. – 53 Fire alarm devices (01/23)
8. 4 inspections and 1 re-inspection completed by B & F Construction Code Services.
9. I have been appointed to a position on the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association Executive Board. This position is a 5-year commitment starting with Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, President and lastly Past President.
10. OLD BUSINESS: I received notification from Dominick Quagliato with Real Restoration Group that 4848 S. Latrobe Ave. is looking for an "Approval letter from the fire district" per Cook

County B & Z. After reviewing the submitted documents it was determined that they would need to install a residential sprinkler system and approval was denied. (01/23)

11. OLD BUSINESS: I received notification from John and Dawn Pecnick of 4848 S. Latrobe Ave. See below:

In due respect of your decision to deny a water sprinkler waiver, I would ask you to review the details of the remodel cost. Of the \$68,367.84 construction cost the residing of the entire house is \$19,000. This residing is cosmetic because the existing siding is no long manufactured. Taking this cost from the total leaves \$49,367.84 which is below 51 percent of the assessed value. Other costs to consider are interior painting of \$10,000 and other cosmetic work. Taking these points into consideration we would appreciate your re-evaluation of issuing a sprinkler waiver at 4848 S. Latrobe.

Regards,
John and Dawn Pecnick

Per our adopted ordinance the Board of Appeals shall be the Board of Trustees of the Central Stickney Fire Protection District; it shall be their recommendation to render all appeal decisions. Please advise of a decision or how to further proceed with the appeal.

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Carrillo to approve the Chief's Report, and Fire Prevention Report as read.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Zelasko stated that the Board of Trustees have discussed this sprinkler waiver with the Chief in depth and taking into consideration the recommendations of Chief McMahon Mr. Zelasko would like to make a motion to approve the Sprinkler Waiver for 4848 S Latrobe. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carrillo.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

D/C Staidl added that they must comply with the State Law for Smoke Alarms.

Mr. Zelasko added that after talking with Jason and Brian about this sprinkler ordinance we may have to fine tune the content to remove the remodeling section for residential homes in the future. It is important that all new homes built have sprinklers but trying to figure out rehab budgets and percentages is too difficult.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Carrillo to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Zelasko, President


Karl Frixen, Secretary