



*Central Stickney Fire Protection District*  
4951 SOUTH LOTUS AVENUE STICKNEY TWP., ILLINOIS 60638

Bruce Zelasko, President  
Fortino Carrillo, Treasurer  
Karl Frixen, Secretary

February 10, 2022

The Central Stickney Fire Protection District Board held their Regular Monthly Meeting on February 10, 2022 at the Central Stickney Fire House, 4951 S. Lotus Avenue, Stickney Township, Illinois, 60638.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL**

Fortino Carrillo  
Bruce Zelasko

Karl Frixen was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Brian McMahan, Chief  
Mike Cainkar, Attorney  
Sue Stanearth, Recording Secretary

Mr. Zelasko called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Carrillo to approve the January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Carrillo to approve payment of the Bills Payable with a total disbursement of \$2,660.03.

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

Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Cainkar said that he did not have anything to report this month.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Carrillo read the following Treasurer's Report dated January, 2022:

Opening Balance for January 1, 2022: \$605,711.94

DEPOSITS

01/03/2022	Medical Reimbursement	395.89
01/05/2022	Medical Reimbursement	42,963.97
01/05/2022	IRS: Refund	1,288.29
01/05/2022	Food & Flowers Club Check	216.00
01/05/2022	Medical Reimbursement	98.97
01/11/2022	Intuit: Payroll Refund	485.22
01/12/2022	State Property Replacement Tax	22,017.90
01/24/2022	Medical Reimbursement	377.57
01/26/2022	Medical Reimbursement	94.40
TOTAL DEPOSITS FOR JANUARY, 2022		<u>\$ 67,938.21</u>

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL, TAXES, IMRF, FEES	40,572.50
BILLS PAID	<u>29,660.03</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY, 2022	<u>\$ 70,232.53</u>

CLOSING STATEMENT BALANCE FOR January 31, 2022:	CHECKING 2	\$392,877.83
	CHECKING 3	\$107,257.05
	SAVINGS	<u>\$ 99,434.15</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$599,569.03</u>

Mr. Zelasko asked the Chief if he will be setting up a separate bank account for the Food & Flowers Club or just keep track of it.

Chief McMahon said that the Food & Flowers Club \$8 is taken each month from each employee to pay for the condiments, food, etc. He explained that he will have a specific line item in the budget for this. Per Joe Julius, the auditor, as long as it has a line item in the budget the \$8 per month goes in and what's spent goes out of that line item, we're OK. It just needs to be accounted for. He further explained that the firehouse pays for Sam's Club items like the paper plates, salt & pepper, etc. for the kitchen. Mr. Cainkar asked if the Club members signed an agreement that it's OK to take the money out of their paychecks.

Chief McMahon said yes, and I post on the bulletin board all of the activity and the balance on that line item.

Attorney Cainkar said that's good, because Illinois State Law requires you to keep signed documents for mandatory withholdings in the employee personnel files.

Chief McMahon said that they sign for the Firefighter's Association and the Food & Flowers and the copy is in their personnel files.

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

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

Motion carried.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief McMahon reported that there were 63 total calls for the month of January, 2022.

Fire:	42	Ambulance:	21
In-town Fires:	20	In-town:	13
M/A Fires:	22	M/A:	8

Fuel used: Gasoline: 55.9 gallons Diesel: 65.5 gallons

No major in-town incidents to report.

On January 26<sup>th</sup> our crew responded to Stickney, 4158 S. Gunderson for a house fire. Crews did a nice job.

Training & Haz-Mat:

Total Contact Training Hours for January: 132  
Driver's Training: 42 Hours  
Mandatory OSHA & Firefighting Training: 90 Hours

CSFPD Training Division is looking to hold a FAE Class in March or April. It will be free to all members.

Vehicle, Equipment, and House Maintenance & Other:

- Helson's Garage Door Co. was out in January. Doors 2 & 3 were not closing properly, both were adjusted.
- We continue to be vigilant in the Pandemic and in January we had ZERO members off duty for positive or suspected positive COVID-19. We continue to follow the CDC guidelines
- In January we had no new hires. Still have one member Herrera on lay-up, three members now on leave of absence, Bob O'Loughlin 3 months, CJ Shefcik 2 months, Steven Dotson 1 month. Only 24 available for schedule.

Chief McMahon read the following Fire Prevention and Public Safety Report submitted from D/C Staidl for January, 2022:

1. No preplans for the month.
2. I've had numerous conversations with Don Lay & Tom Reinhardt with Building and Fire Code Construction Services. (BFCCS).
3. I received notification from FSCI that 4806 S. Lorel Ave. fire suppression inspection on 01/04 passed. (01/05)
4. I received notification from FSCI that C & E Fire Protection inspection at 5030 S. Luna Ave. on 1/11 of 19 sprinklers – inspector test & main drain. (01/06)
5. I received notification from FSCI that Rose Packing Company 4900 S. Major Ave. fire alarm inspection on 01/05 passed. (01/06)
6. I received notification from FSCI that Hood Container 4800 S. Austin Ave. submitted fire suppression system modifications for a second-floor remodel. (01/14)
7. I discussed the fire alarm submittal for Jet Transportation 4900 and 4910 Monitor Avenue with Scott R. Kunzie with FSCI (01/18)
8. An approved residential sprinkler waiver was sent to Anna Lukaszcyk 4844 S. Luna Avenue (01/20)
9. I received notification from Leanne Novy with Tron Solar that 4750 S. Lorel Avenue would like to install solar panels. I have advised her to submit directly to FSCI.
10. I received notification from FSCI that for Jet Transportation 4900 and 4910 Monitor Avenue submitted fire alarm review was not approved. (01/26)
11. I discussed the fire alarm modification requirements for Hood Container 4800 S. Austin Avenue with Charles D. Bleck of Bleck & Bleck Architects. (01/28)
12. 0 inspections and 0 re-inspections completed.

Chief McMahon reported that he and Attorney Cainkar went to Forest View for a meeting with the Fire Chief and the new President. They're all new there now and wondered why we don't work together. So we explained the animosity over the past years. We'll start with a few meet & greets and then we'll go to Mutual Aid; automatic instead of when they ask for us. Both departments are looking forward to working together.

Mr. Zelasko said this was a great thing! Thank you!

Mr. Zelasko motioned seconded by Mr. Carrillo to approve the Chief's Report.

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

Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Zelasko raised the issue of Fire Inspection Services.

Chief McMahon explained that Jason will meet with their company reps and go over what he did. He will introduce their rep to our District's bigger companies, etc. that he'll be taking over servicing for us and then the Fire Inspection Services Rep will take over the job. We'll get him an ID badge saying he's a private contractor for CSFPD.

Mr. Zelasko raised the discussion of Staffing Levels.

Chief McMahon said that our staffing levels are still an issue. Some days we have to take the ambulance down in service. We keep asking for more people to join us. I still think that we should keep the idea of shift bonuses open to discussion.

Mr. Zelasko said that bonuses are too much money, but we can keep discussing it.

Chief McMahon explained that we keep trying to get more members.

Mr. Zelasko asked if our new relationship with Forest View is going to lead to more help?

Chief McMahon said that he'd ask the other Chiefs how it's going for them to see if that's possible.

Mr. Zelasko suggested that maybe it could be discussed at the Meet & Greets with them.

Mr. Cainkar said that he's aware of 6 or 7 people that have applied at the Burbank Fire Department.

Chief McMahon shared that Bedford Park has 30 retirements coming up. They held a hiring day; 15 people took the test and only 6 passed, so they're hurting too. It's not just us.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Zelasko raised the discussion of staffing services.

Chief McMahon explained that he's met with Kurt's Paramedics, PSI and Metro staffing companies. To do staffing for paramedics is roughly \$100,000 per person per year. So we can't afford this. It's not an option for taking over the ambulances.

He further explained that they could staff one firefighter by the day, but then the price goes up, so we can't afford part time either. I think we need to just get over this staffing hump – still trying to get people to work more shifts and find more people who want to work.

Mr. Zelasko said, well, we had to try all options available.

Chief McMahon emphasized that this staffing crisis is affecting everyone – full or part-time, and all of the Departments.

Mr. Zelasko thanked the Chief for all of his efforts.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bruce Zelasko, President

  
Fortino Carrillo, Treasurer