

**MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES' MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

Present: President William Haas, Treasurer Kenneth Blank, Secretary Robert Hennessy, Trustee Kenneth Lenz, Trustee Craig Warning, Chief Ted Golden, Assistant Chief Howard Stephens, Administrative Secretary Nancy Feigel

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR COLORING CONTEST & ESSAY CONTEST

The Mokena Fire Protection District, in conjunction with the schools in our district, recently held a coloring contest for 1st grade students and an essay contest for 5th grade students. Fire and life safety educator Marcie Hoag presented the three top winners certificates and U.S. savings bonds, donated by State Bank of Illinois and Old Plank Trail Bank. The 1st place winners will also receive a ride to school in a fire truck in the spring.

Coloring Contest Winners:

1st place – Nicholas Avdich
Runner up – Bella Ringenberg
Runner up – Marissa Bartemio

Essay Contest Winners:

1st place – Jared Bachman
1st runner up – Luke Handley
2nd runner up – Claire Connors

A short break was taken for refreshments. The meeting resumed at 7:25 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS, APPROVAL

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Lenz, to approve the 12/14/10 minutes with the amendment of adding Trustee Craig Warning to those present at the meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to pay the monthly bills as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ken Lenz inquired if we are maintaining our relationship with Smith Senior Living. We do periodic trainings and seminars with them. Some of the residents have expressed interest in touring Station 3; therefore, an open house for Smith Senior Living residents will be held on January 20 at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The following items on the Calendar and Checklist have been completed to date:

- A certificate of exempt property has been filed with the County Supervisor of Assessments
- The 2011 scheduled Trustee meetings have been posted
- The report of injuries for 2010 has been posted
- Those required to file Economic Interest Statements has been sent to the County Clerk

CHIEF'S REPORT

Letters received this month from the following:

- A thank you card was received from a resident for assistance on an ambulance call.
- A thank you letter was received from New Lenox FPD for assistance on a house fire.
- A thank you letter was received from New Lenox FPD for the donation of surplus dive equipment.
- A certificate was received from Toys for Tots for our participation in collecting toys over the holidays.
- A donation of \$300 was received from Schilling Brothers.

A check in the amount of \$175.74 was received from Will County for a 2009 levy tax distribution from the Village of Mokena TIF (Tax Increment Finance District).

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm response reports for December. Total calls for 2010 were 2049 compared to 1970 calls in 2009.

A letter was received from the president of Local 4270 requesting to modify the existing agreement that expires May 31, 2011. The Board would like Chief Golden and A/C Stephens to handle the negotiations as in the past.

Some major problems have been identified with the radio issues we have with Lincoln-Way Dispatch and steps are being taken to resolve them. We are getting radio interference from Danville, Illinois and there are also issues with the microwave signals.

Eleven Customer Satisfaction Surveys received in the past month were shared with the Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the POC sleep-in report for December.

The Board reviewed the January training calendar.

The following firefighter has received a certificate this month for State Certified classes:

Marcie Hoag EMS Lead Instructor

The Board approved the following Class Request:

Howard Stephens IPELRA Law Seminar

The Trustees reviewed the December public safety reports.

Thank you to Re-Max Team 2000 for the use of their moving truck. It was a big help with moving items to Station 3.

STATION 3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following items are being completed at Station 3:

- Locksets are being re-keyed
- Working on gas valve to be able to shut off stove and Zetron when on a call
- Architectural steel is being painted and will be installed next week
- Exhaust system for the vehicles is almost complete
- The water softener needs to be re-piped to drain into the grey water tank
- The exhaust pipe on the dryer needs to be insulated
- There is a drainage problem with the bay floors. Scurto Concrete and Carlson Construction will be meeting to determine how to rectify this.

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy to deduct \$12395.81 for Scurto Concrete from the 7th draw until the drainage problem has been fixed. Motion passed with all ayes.

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve the 7th draw to Chicago Title Company in the amended amount of \$216,069.68. This amount reflects the deduction for Scurto Concrete. Motion passed with all ayes.

The Trustees have no objection to ordering a wall-mounted jib crane for the maintenance area at Station 3 for approximately \$2500.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION RENEWAL

After reviewing the Worker's compensation renewal from McClure and Associates Insurance, it was determined that we have been paying an incorrect rate for 2010. December payments to McClure have been voided. Our renewal was due by December 15; therefore, Chief Golden signed up with IPRF at a cost of \$120,000 per year. Attorney Tom Gilbert agreed with this as long as the Board approves this decision tonight.

Ken Lenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to retain IPRF as our Worker's Compensation carrier effective December 15, 2010. Motion passed with all ayes.

ADOPTION OF REVISED PURCHASING POLICY

This has been postponed until the February 8, 2011 Trustee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary:
Nancy Feigel