

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1

179 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomington, IL 60108

Minutes of the Regular
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 19, 2018

At 4:00 P.M. President DiBuono called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

On a call of the roll, the following Trustees were present: DiBuono, Wolff, and Deutschle
(Minutes recorded by Chief Janus)

Also present was Chief Janus, DC Kaderabek, Attorney Karl Ottosen, Accountant James Howard, and BC Kurka.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

none

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Monthly Report:

Chief Janus reported that the district responded to 394 incidents in March, averaging 13.9 calls per shift. Some notable incidents include:

T23, M23 & TN 21 responded to WEGO for Box alarm fire. This was a well-involved home and on the afternoon of March 10th. This was the 3rd fire that day. On 3/12 we responded to a crash with extrication on Gary, south of Lake. 4 patients were transported and the new eDraulic tools were used for the first time. There were two other fires in Hanover Park, one house and one garage.

Chief reported on Administrative items throughout the month including; attending Metro Fire Chiefs presentation by a group called Tactical Athlete and their business model is to treat firefighters like professional athletes when they are injured. Attending a Pipeline Safety Class in Lisle. Board of Fire Commissioners meeting held, Attorney Flaherty provided some suggestions for updating their Rules and Regulations and the College of DuPage will be hosting a FF entrance exam in the fall. Annual workers compensation audit performed. Chief Janus participated in Leadership panel discussion at Waterbury School. Meeting regarding First Net, which is a public safety Wi-Fi plan. Attended meetings on Biowatch and Chempack. We are housing the MABAS IMT trailer at Station 22. Met with IFCA for organizational development.

Chief remarked on the passing of the 4.5 million dollar bond referendum with 67% of the vote. Chief extended special thanks to James Howard, Debbie Butler, BC Kurka, DC Kaderabek and members of the

Union. He also commented on the great support received by the Friends of Bloomingdale Fire. Initial meeting held with Speer Financial.

Chief remarked on special events during the month: Admin attended Rescue Task Force meeting at College of DuPage, attended Star Comm radio project meeting, and attended labor management meeting. FFIB purchased a gear extractor for Stat 23.

Chief Janus provided a brief overview of the training that was completed: 1,084 hours completed -1,528 drills entered. Focus was on deck-gun operations, hazmat, live-fire training, and EMS.

Chief also reported that the roof at Station 21 was damaged and missing shingles. On duty personnel were able to make repairs. The glass block at Station 23 is cracking and will need repairs. There are 57 spots on Tower 23 that need paint repair due to electrolysis. There are problems with the compartment doors, and some areas on the cab by the lights and mirrors. It will need new striping in many areas also.

Chief reported that the fire prevention bureau continues to be active. There were over 100 new building inspections and over 250 life safety inspections. We hosted a class on "Significant Changes to NFPA 13 for Fire Sprinkler Systems" on March 22.

FF Bzdelik was the instructor for the March drill on forcible entry and ladders. Mitchell Ryan is in the running for top of his class in paramedic school. POC Connor Flynn was the recipient of the Christopher Wheatley award at the Romeoville fire Academy and received reimbursement for his academy tuition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wolff moved, Deutschle seconded a motion to waive the reading of, approve and release the minutes of the regular meeting March 15, 2018.

ROLL CALL: DiBuono, yes; Deutschle, yes; Wolff, yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Accountant James Howard presented a report to the Board for the month ending March 31, 2018.

Treasurer Deutschle requested the Treasurer's Report. After a review of the current bills, Deutschle moved, Wolff seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 55,188.56

ROLL CALL: DiBuono, yes; Deutschle, yes; Wolff, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Contract Negotiations Update

Hanover Park Update

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report. Chief Janus thanked Debbie for her hard work on compiling the 2017 Annual Report. This is an excellent review of the district's accomplishments from 2017.

Tentative Budget FY 2019. The tentative budget was published in the paper last Friday. Published for 30 days in advance of next meeting. There will be a public hearing at the May BOT meeting.

Health Insurance Renewal. Chief Janus reported that initial renewal for our current BCBS health insurance plan was 9%. Through negotiations with our insurance rep, it was reduced to 3.7%. Over the past 4 years, we have seen an increase of 1.16%. Dental increased by 7%, from initial 15%. No change for life insurance or vision.

Auditors Contract. Chief Janus provided an overview of the contract for the district's annual audit. The district has used Knutte in the past and have been pleased with their service. Discussion on need to explore other options. DiBuono moved, Deutschle seconded a motion to renew contract with Knutte for years ended April 30, 2018, April 30, 2019, and April 30, 2020 will be \$11,000, \$11,250 and \$11,500 respectively.

ROLL CALL: DiBuono, yes; Deutschle, yes; Wolff, yes. Motion carried.

UTV Purchase. Chief Janus reported that the grant funds from Firehouse Subs for the purchase of the Kubota UTV were received. Accessories are currently being ordered and the unit is being assembled.

Military Leave Policy Update. On Monday, April 2, 2018 Attorney Brian J. O'Connor from Ottosen-Britz presented training to the union, the military member and Chief Officers on the military leave laws. There are 7 state laws that provide benefits for service members. Prior to this meeting, Brian met with Debbie to ensure that we are compliant with the law on pay and benefits. There is a draft policy being reviewed by the union on second revision. There likely will be update language in the next contract. The current contract was in conflict with the law.

At 4:39 P.M. DiBuono moved, seconded by Wolff to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing *Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)*,

At 6:21 P.M. the Board reconvened following closed session.

ROLL CALL: DiBuono, present; Deutschle, present; Wolff, present.

Also present Chief Janus, Accountant James Howard, and Attorney Karl Ottosen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 16-18 – IFCA Symposium – East Peoria

June 21-23 – IAAPD Conference – Peoria

July 26 – BIG Meeting – BFPD#1

At 6:21PM DiBuono moved, Wolff seconded a motion to adjourn.
ROLL CALL: DiBuono, yes; Deutsche, yes; Wolff, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wolff, Secretary
April 20, 2018