MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE WAUCONDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wauconda Fire Protection District was called to order Thursday, January 20, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at Wauconda Fire Station 1, 109 W. Liberty Street, Wauconda, Illinois.

ATTENDANCE: Those present were President Bilisko, Trustee Niggemann, and Trustee Dietzen. Also present were Chief Dato, Deputy Chief Fessler, Barbara Ford and personnel listed on the attached sheet.

ABSENT: Trustee McGill.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was given by Deputy Chief Fessler. The report was approved by the consensus of the Board as presented.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the Public Hearing of the Board held on November 30, 2010 were approved by consensus of the Board as presented.

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CORRESPONDENCE: Trustees were given copies of letters from the public sent to the District Offices.

STAFF REPORT: Chief Dato had Deputy Chief Fessler explain the process for formulating the budget for the next fiscal year. By April, the county clerks should have sent the extension figures for the New Year which will include the amount for the Village of Wauconda.

Chief Dato explained that the Administration would be changing accounting software. The new software is geared toward fund accounting and is recommended by our accounting firm.

Chief Dato reported that the District had received a letter from the Lakes Sanitary District. Officials from the Sanitary District would like to meet with officials from the Fire District about connecting Station 3 to their system.

Members of the Administration will be working closely with officials from the Village of Volo regarding obtaining approval for future proposed projects at Station 3 now.

Chief Dato reported that he has nominated Curt Herman for the Red Cross Hero's Award for the ice rescue on Bangs Lake in December. Chief Dato has also

heard from the Carnegie Foundation regarding the rescue. Chief Dato is also working with officials from the Village of Wauconda to recognize Curt Herman for his quick thinking.

The Administration is working on a new Paid-Time Off policy to eliminate the liability that the District now has on its books. Deputy Chief Fessler will make future reports on progress of this issue and hopes to have a new policy in place by the first of May, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Bilisko explained why the District should be changing Legal Firms. He recommended changing from Ancel Glink to Ottosen Britz. He stated that Ottosen Britz specialized in Fire District Law. The attorney who would do most of the work for the District would be Shawn P. Flaherty. He had worked closely with Mary Spiegel on a number of projects. President Bilisko also recommended that instead of having Ottosen Britz on a retainer they should be paid on an hourly rate to see how often their services are needed. He felt that in an effort to save money for the District, an attorney does not need to be present at every meeting. If there is a problem, a phone call might be sufficient. Motion by President Bilisko to retain Ottosen Britz as the District's law firm, seconded by Trustee Dietzen. Discussion followed. On call of roll, all present voted yes. Motion carried. Deputy Chief Fessler will invite Shawn Flaherty to the February meeting so that the Trustees can meet him.

Chief Dato had a video presentation for the Trustees showing them the proposed additions at Station 3 and how things will look when the project has been completed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. None.

Motion by Trustee Dietzen, seconded by Trustee Niggemann to adjourn the meeting with no further business to discuss at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried.