

12/27/22 Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

10:00 AM Community House

Present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Jayna Cool, Trustees: Kathy Buckley, Art Dockerty, Jim Castrucci, and Connie Grant

Public: Michael O'Dockerty, Alexandria Richards, Alex Countryman, Alyssa Countryman, Shane Shaut, Tammy Helmer-Bergen, Bill Bergen, Jeremy Peller, Jim Keough, Dean Countryman, Dean Countryman Jr., Zach Cook, Charles Straney, Phoebe Sitterly, Louise Robusto, and Brad Pinsky: Attorney for the Fire Department

Attorney: Norman Mastromoro

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Deputy Mayor Dockerty and the salute to the flag was given.

Public Comment: Attorney Pinsky discussed bringing contracts to the "current age", the changes from a Volunteer Fire Department to a 501(c)(3), his concern of the 35% not being given to the fire Department which would be used as required by law. Attorney Mastromoro discussed General Municipal Law 209-D which states a Village "may" give a percentage not to exceed 35%, not that is "must" give 35% or any percentage.

Charles Straney discussed his time as Village Mayor, budgets he prepared giving the Fire Department a substantial increase of money to use for expenses, and expressed his appreciation for the Fire Department and its members for all they do.

Jim Keough addressed his frustrations over the board taking away 35% of the contract money from the Fire Department when they have received that money for years.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to give 35% of the contract money to the Fire Department with the stipulations that quarterly reports must be submitted to the board of funds spent, and the money must be put into a separate bank account for only the 35% contract funds received. All ayes, motion carried.

Other:

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve Resolution #6 of 2022 to provide fire protection to the Town of Danube contract #1 and contract #2 for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2025. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley to approve Resolution #7 of 2022 to provide fire protection to the Town of Palatine for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dockerty to approve Resolution #8 of 2022 to provide fire protection to the Town of St. Johnsville for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dockerty to approve Resolution #9 of 2022 to provide fire protection to East Canada Creek Fire District for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 11:05 AM was made by Trustee Castrucci and seconded by Trustee Buckley. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-January 17th at 6:30 PM