



### **Board of Trustees**

Tom Helfrich, President  
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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Called to order on Friday January 7, 2022 AT 5:30 pm by Trustee Helfrich**  
Central Fire Station - 7800 W. Plank Rd. - Training Room - Peoria, Illinois 61604

### **CALL TO ORDER MOMENT OF SILENCE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **I. ROLL CALL BY BOARD SECRETARY**

Trustee Campen - Present, Trustee Steele - Present, Trustee Weber - Present, Trustee Hoffman - Present, Trustee Helfrich - Present. 5 of 5 Trustees Present. Also in attendance was Chief Larry Gilmore, Deputy Chief Hoerr and Darlene Gramm-Bray.

#### **II. PRESIDENT STATEMENT**

Trustee Helfrich welcome everyone to the meeting and set the Robert Rules for the meeting.

Trustee Helfrich President Statement provided attached to minutes.

No action taken.

#### **III. OPEN DISCUSSION ON DUTY CREW HOURS AND RESPONSE**

Trustee Helfrich turn it over to Chief Gilmore. Chief Gilmore went over the current schedule we have for the Firefighters and that him and Deputy Chief have offer shifts for people to work. Chief Gilmore explained to the board about all the calls the Firefighters have to respond to in a day. All these firefighters have full time jobs and they are being forced to work more hours at their regular jobs. When that happens, they have to call off here, making us short on personnel. Chief Gilmore gave each board member January 2022 schedule for our duty crew hours. Chief pointed out to them that we have openings but no one is taking them because they are not available at those times. He went over how many call that was missed in 2021 versus the number of calls ran for the whole year.

Trustee Helfrich went over his Duty Crew Schedule with the board members. Trustee Helfrich suggested that we may try different scheduling for about 3 months. Trustee Helfrich said that a Firefighter can only work 30 hours a week maximum.

Trustee Steele discuss the scheduling on the Firefighters and said looks like Chief and Deputy Chief are doing all they can to get personnel.

Trustee Campen discuss the schedules, manpower and that the Chief and Deputy Chief are operating the schedules. Trustee Campen asked what can or what can't we do on certain calls that can be a chargeable call.

Trustee Hoffman said that the number of calls missed verses the number of calls that we responded to is a small percentage overall.

Trustee Weber said we have to look at who we are here for.....the public. Not only Fire District that is struggling for the people in the community but all departments are having the same issues. Trustee Weber suggested that we look into an ambulance company that comes in and be at our station for certain times to take our calls. They would answer to our office and they would bill the patient themselves and the fire department would get a percentage of the dollars back to the Fire Department. This could possibly take pressure off our firefighters. What would be good for our district and people in the community. Trustee Weber was asked who is this Company? She stated "not sure, a company up North".

No Action Taken.

**A. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief's document attached to the minutes.

**IV. SETTING OF PLACE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 6:00pm on Thursday January 13, 2022 at the Central Fire Station at 7800 W. Plank Rd.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objections the meeting was adjourned by Trustee Helfrich at 6:38 p.m.

<b>APPROVED</b>
Date & Time _____ @ _____
By: _____