

TRINITY CENTER COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Special Meeting – Trinity Center Fire Hall

Nov. 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mike McHugh at 7:12 p.m. Other members present were Glen Ahmann, Drew Rusnak and Virginia Allin. Pat Frost was absent. 3 members of the public were also present including the General Manager and the Fire Chief.

Public Comment

Erik Anderson announced that Pat Frost was unable to attend the meeting.

Announcements

None

New Business

Discuss/Approve Submittal of Application for Grant for New Fire Apparatus – Mike McHugh turned this item over to Steve Renten. Steve reported that there is a program run under the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA/Aid to Firefighters grant. There is typically one annual period of grant applications in which our department applied earlier this year for a mini pumper, quick attack type engine to replace 1123, but we were turned down for this grant. At the EMS and Fire House expo that Steve attended he met with a specialist in writing this type of grant. In this conversation, he found that they have opened the application window up for a second time this year. The deadline for the second chance to submit an application is this Friday Nov. 18, 2016 which is the reason for the special meeting. The cost to have a grant writer submit an application for us is \$750.00. The grant writer suggested we would have a better chance at getting the grant if we lower the requested amount and contributed more than the minimum 5% matching funds. The grant writer suggested the grant amount applied for be under \$200,000.00 and our contribution be more than the 5% to increase our chances of getting the grant. There was some discussion regarding how winning this grant would create competing funding needs with the new fire house project. Both items have been on the appeals letters for the last few years. Steve feels there is time to fund raise for both items. Everyone agreed that the new fire house project needs to be a high priority as does the new pumper. The new mini pumper would have a 400 to 500 gallon tank with a separate engine for the pump so it can be moving and pumping at the same time and would not require a special license to drive. It would also meet the ISO requirements for pumping 1000 gal per minute, our current pumper is only 500 gal per minute. This would help our ISO rating. After much discussion, there was a motion by Glen Ahmann to approve the grant application including the \$750.00 application fee for a grant writer and apply for a grant amount of \$260,00.00, all-inclusive to include taxes, with a District contribution of \$65,000.00 or 25% for the purchase of a mini pumper/pump and roll vehicle. This will bring the grant amount to \$195,000.00 which will be below the suggested \$200,000.00 amount. There was a second by Drew Rusnak. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Items for next regular meeting agenda:

Next Regular Meeting: Dec. 6, 2016

Jan Bellinger – Secretary