

YORK CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2018 Special Board Meeting

The special board meeting of August 14th, 2018 called to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendance:

PRESENT: Trustee Cizek, Trustee Otake, Chief Bonomo, Deputy Chief Sanborn and Attorney Flaherty

ABSENT: Trustee Vosicky absent

Due to the absence of Trustee Vosicky, a motion was made by Trustee Cizek and seconded by Trustee Otake to appoint Tom Otake as the Secretary *Pro Tempore* serving only for the length of August 14th special meeting.

Old Business:

Attorney Flaherty updated the Board on issues raised by the DuPage County Election Board with regard to the filing of Ordinance 2018-01, seeking placement of a new tax rate (emergency and rescue) in the amount of 0.10% on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot. The legal opinion provided by the legal counsel to the DCEB was that they would not allow the District to repeat the ballot question that was presented to the voters but failed in March 2018. Attorney Flaherty, his firm, and numerous other members of the legal community disagree with the legal opinion. Discussion was had on possible District options in dealing with this unexpected legal roadblock.

Discussion was had about possible legal action against the DCEB but it was decided by all that litigation between two units of government was not beneficial to the taxpayer residents of the District.

Discussion was had on presenting two additional referendum questions to the voters in lieu of the question sought to be presented by Ordinance 2018-1.

After a discussion, Trustee Otake made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-02, an ordinance seeking placement of a new tax rate (emergency and rescue) in the amount of 0.09% on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Trustee Cizek seconded the motion which was approved on a 2-0 roll call vote.

Attorney Flaherty indicated that he was awaiting input from the DCEB legal counsel as to whether the 0.09% new rate question would be deemed permissible. Because of the unknown nature of this legal opinion, a third election ordinance (\$3,000,000 in bonds) was presented to the Board for approval.

Trustee Otake than made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-03, an ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing general obligation bonds to the voters of the District at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018.

Trustee Cizek seconded the motion which was approved on a 2-0 roll call vote.

Trustee Otake made a motion to authorize Chief Bonomo to file proper ordinance or ordinances with the DCEB pending a legal opinion from DCEB counsel. It was determined that only one ballot question would be presented to the voters of the District. The first alternative would be the 0.09% new rate question as set forth in Ordinance 2018-02 and the second alternative would be the \$3,000,000 bond question as set forth in Ordinance 2018-03.

Chief Bonomo will be contacting County Clerk Paul Hinds asking him to see if he could assist with the Election Board situation.

New Business: None

Chiefs Report:

Chief Bonomo discussed the progress being made by FF Tony Anton. Tony may be back to work by the end of August. He will be going for his FIT for Duty before returning.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Secretary, Board of Trustees
York Center Fire Protection District