

Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Commissioner's Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Chairman Robert Loula called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm with the following people in attendance.

Robert Loula
Wayne Stevens

Robert Gurgos
Pam Hall

Tom Kuebelbeck

Previous Meeting Minutes:

R. Loula called for any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. R. Gurgos made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. T. Kuebelbeck seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved with a copy placed on file.

Public Comment:

None

Correspondence:

None

Assistant Chief W. Stevens of EMS:

1) Placement on List

- Assistant Chief Stevens reviewed the results of the test scores and interview scores for the candidates applying for the full time firefighter/paramedic position. The register of eligible candidate ranking does not include the addition of preference points.
- Assistant Chief Stevens explained to the fire commissioners that the candidates are responsible for sending in preference point requests. The points awarded information is due back by July 23, 2008. After the preference points are awarded, the total scoring will be complete and the new list created in scoring order.

A motion was made by R. Gurgos to accept the scoring results for the candidates. T. Kuebelbeck seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

2) Future Testing

- Assistant Chief Stevens informed the fire commissioners that district will need to start the testing process once again to be compliant with the law.
- Discussion was held in regards to the candidate pool the district is seeking. The district requires the candidates be certified Firefighter II & Paramedic at the time of picking up an application. This limits the number of individuals eligible. R. Loula pointed out that the candidates that made it to the recent interview process were all qualified and less likely to have interviewed or applied elsewhere. The district is seeking individuals that have a true interest in working here and a long term commitment.

Assistant Chief W. Stevens comments continued:

- Assistant Chief Stevens stated that he had composed a letter to State representatives stating the hardship on the district due to the State budget not passing. Paramedic students can not take the state test until the budget is passed. This creates a problem since the students can not apply for a full time position until they are certified causing the pool of eligible candidates to be very small.
- Assistant Chief Stevens proposed a timeline of the future testing process for consideration to the fire commissioners. The process would be started in September with advertisement then the orientation and written test in October 2008.

A motion was made by T. Kuebelbeck to accept the proposal to start the process in September/October 2008. The motion was seconded by R. Gurgos. It was voted on and approved.

Attorney:
Not present

Administrative Assistant:
No comment

Other concerns:

- Discussion was held in regards to background and license checks. Assistant Chief Stevens informed the fire commissioner that he is currently in the process of researching our options with two companies.
- Assistant Chief Stevens reminded the fire commissioners of the annual golf outing in memory of Mark Southern on September 15, 2008 at Hughes Creek Golf Course. He also reminded them of the annual fundraiser for the department to be drawn at Elburn Days in August 2008. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at \$5.00 each.
- Assistant Chief Stevens requested that the next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 be changed to Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

A motion was made by T. Kuebelbeck to hold the next fire commissioners meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 5:00 pm at Station One. R. Gurgos seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

R. Loula made a motion to adjourn at 5:38 pm. T. Kuebelbeck seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela C. Hall
Administrative Assistant
Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District