

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois convened at the regular meeting place of said Board on the 9th day of March, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706.

Called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent , Trustee Chmura; yes ,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes, Chief; yes.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to appoint Trustee Szczurek as Acting Secretary.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent , Trustee Chmura; yes ,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Skyba to suspend the rules to permit visitors to be recognized. The Board retains the right to refuse to recognize any individual if they feel their comments are not relevant or to "put them off", if they exceed their time allotment. After all have had an opportunity to address the Board, the President moves the rules be reinstated, and the Board will proceed with meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the payment of all current bills.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent , Trustee Chmura; yes ,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 9th, 2010.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; abstain,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent, Trustee Chmura; abstain,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
February 28, 2010

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):	
Plaza Bank checking (0.245%)	\$ 402
Plaza Bank money market (0.295%)	970,203
Plaza Bank checking- Public Education	573
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.295%)	171,421
Suburban Bank & Trust	<u>6,802</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	1,149,401

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):	
Parkway Bank and Trust (4.34% 05/10/10)	482,420
Plaza Bank (3.07% 01/17/11)	119,601
Plaza Bank (2.23% 03/18/10)	406,618
Plaza Bank (2.00% 06/23/10)	1,250,278
Belmont Bank (4.10% 05/21/11)	444,688
Parkway Bank and Trust (4.35% 04/07/10)	<u>325,683</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>3,029,288</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,178,689</u>

Trustee Martell stated that we have been receiving tax money. We opened a CD at Plaza Bank for \$600,000.00 at 1.4%, it is a breakable CD if needed. There is a CD that is going to mature on March 18th from Plaza for around \$400,000.00.

Motion by Trustee Strempek, seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for February 2010.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs Report:

All Trustees received a copy of the alarm report.

All Trustees received a copy of the inspection report along with the list of completed inspections for this month.

Mabas expo at the Stephens convention center on March 24th from 5:30 to 6:30. Chief sent everybody an invitation and rsvp due by the 12th. This is a great opportunity to see the Fire/rescue capabilities that we have at our fingertips. Some of the equipment is ours and some we share ownership with our division. Chief hopes all can make it please let him know.

Commander Carpino fell off of a step ladder while opening a knox box on a fire alarm and injured his shin, neck and back. He was reevaluated today by his Chiropractor. Lt. Johnson

returned to work last week under light duty until he has his iv pic line removed tomorrow, then he will be cleared for full duty.

VFW awards were last night, Lt Koszczuk and his crew received the award for saving a woman who was choking. The woman had turned blue and was not breathing. They removed a foreign object from her trachea and she recovered.

Chief attended the Cook County 911 meeting for the annual grant award. We usually receive about \$2500 but this year we will be receiving \$1100 due to low funds.

Squad #111 is still waiting for a few parts to complete the installation of the lights and siren. We hope to be completed in the next two weeks.

The Dental renewal is on the agenda, everybody should have a spreadsheet from our broker with the quotes. Several companies declined to quote and another does not match up with the benefits. The only other quote is higher than Ameritas. Blue Cross renewal is in August and they have some mandated changes that do not compare to our collective bargaining agreement. The co pay for some Drs. Visit increases from \$10 to \$30 and the ER deductible changes from \$50 to \$150.

The Chief has been in contact with Dan Raz our summer intern from last year. He is interested in coming back this year if it is available. Last year we had him for 10 weeks which allowed him to come back for 1 week at Christmas. If we are going to continue the program, It would be great not to have to train another person.

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to accept the Chiefs report as presented for February 2010.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Presidents Report:

Trustee Chmura discussed the tax appeals, he said if we discuss as a whole over the internet it could be a violation of the open meetings act. If the larger groups involved in the tax appeals want to move forward we will also go along with it. The Chief will send an email explaining what is proposed and if there is a question or comment by a Trustee, they will call the Chief directly. If there are questions, it will be placed on the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Chairman Trustee Chmura stated he has nothing to report at this time.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Gelsomino is not present. Chief Stenson reported that the tuck pointing job is on the agenda, they received 3 quotes. Discussion.

On March 22nd at noon there will be a Committee meeting to plan and discuss future purchases.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Trustee Strempek stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee- Chairman Trustee Skyba stated that the Ameritas Dental Policy is on the agenda for approval. Discussion if this should have been part of the Finance Committee.

Pension Fund- Trustee Chmura and Trustee Martell stated there is nothing to report. There will be a meeting in April. Trustee Martell states that he will call MB Financial to make sure the money was transferred.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the proposal from Ameritas Insurance Company starting April 1st, 2010 for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District's Dental insurance policy.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve Felber's Tuckpointing Company to repair the tuck pointing on the addition of the Fire Station at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Gelsomino; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,

Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Chmura asked Commissioner Rinaldi to give his report. Commissioner Rinaldi stated that they had a meeting on March 2nd and they elected officers, discussed upcoming training and talked about entry level testing and being happy with the company that was used. Commissioner Rinaldi was elected President and Commissioner Lympelopulos was elected Secretary. There has been a schedule typed up and the Commissioners will attend Board Meetings only after they have had a meeting.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to adopt and approve Resolution #10-1, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Investment Policy.

Trustee Martell stated that there were 2 changes. Authorizing investments to include CDARS. Trustee Martell explained what this is. The other change was Monies over FDIC insurance that has to be collateralized. Discussion.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Gelsomino; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,

Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the depository institutions doing business with the Norwood Park Fire Protection District including Plaza Bank, Parkway Bank, Belmont Bank, Midwest Bank, Illinois Funds, PNC Bank, Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase and Suburban Bank and Trust.

Trustee Skyba asked if this limits us on where we can invest our funds. Trustee Martell stated that we try to keep our money local.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Gelsomino; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,

Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to go into Executive Session was tabled.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Paul Szczurek
Acting Secretary

James Chmura
President