

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7447 W. LAWRENCE AVE.
HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706**

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 12th day of December 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes, Chief Blondell; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING for Truth in Taxation

The Truth in Taxation Hearing was open to the public.
Chief Blondell explained the reasons for the proposed increase.

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Regular Meeting.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski 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

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the following minutes:

1. Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on November 14, 2022.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

Chief stated he hopes all is well and that all Trustees have received a written report.

Call volume hit 4,000 in November, in the past 48 hours there were 4-5 cardiac arrests.

Chief has field 4 calls over the past couple days about how compassionate our firefighters/paramedics are.

We will end up with probably a 15% increase in call volume over our busiest year.

We are currently processing Roberto Hernandez; he is already a firefighter and is currently in paramedic school. He will start January 1st, 2023.

Candidates Keating and Pappas both just graduated from the Fire Academy.

There were some questions on the windows regarding payment. The contract states that payment is due when the job is complete.

Ambulance 107 is getting ready to go in for the rebox. The Deputy Chief is working on logistics to get it to North Carolina.

Engine 101 is having transmission issues and is getting work done at JX Elmhurst.

Harassment training will need to be completed again for 2023. We still have one member of the board that did not complete it for 2022.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the Chief's report for November 2022.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Cichon stated that we are closing the year on a positive note. Thank you to the Board, Firefighters/Paramedics, and Office Personnel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
November 30, 2022

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	467,714.36
Wintrust -MM #2776	267,562.00
Wintrust- Checking #9771	1,529.36
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	559,664.15
Wintrust- Medical #0599	22,658.61
Wintrust- Donation #4129	931.41
Wintrust- FSA #0713	8,098.01
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$1,328,157.90</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (0.60%, 02/10/23)	703,088.04
Belmont Bank (0.40% 07/21/23)	587,776.34
Belmont Bank (0.50% 01/19/23)	408,853.41
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 1,699,717.79</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 3,027,875.69</u>

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the November's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$562,658.00 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for November 2022.

Trustee Evans stated that the property taxes are due December 31st. Ambulance billing increased. There are 2 CDs due, one in January and one in February.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Evans stated there is nothing further to report.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated there was nothing to report.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro thanked everyone for a great year and looking forward to next year.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba was absent. Trustee Evans stated the state is about a month behind in reporting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Motion by Trustee Cichon and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to pass and approve Ordinance #22-5, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District 2022 Tax Levy in the amount of \$7,789,000.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to pass and approve Ordinance #22-6, an Ordinance giving Cook County Clerk direction related to the 2022 Tax Levy.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,

Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evan to approve the renewal for Workers Compensation through Illinois Public Risk Fund, effective January 1, 2023, through January 1, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$239,193.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the Liability insurance renewal with Assured Partners, effective January 1, 2023, through January 1, 2024, at an annual cost of \$52,274.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the meeting dates for 2023. Meetings will be held the second Monday of the month except for October which will be held the third Monday. Meetings will be called to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the Consent agenda:

- ratifying the payment to BendPak in the amount of \$10,235.00 for the hydraulic lift.
- approve the minutes from the Building and Equipment Committee meeting from November 14, 2022.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Joanne Rybak
Secretary

Andrew Cichon
President