

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY 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 10th day of March 2025, 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 Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes, Chief Peistrup; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro 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: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Recognition of Cindy Brennan on her retirement.

Recognition of retired Paramedic Phil Pawlowski.

Swearing in of Firefighter Alberto Rodriguez.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to go to recess.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Entered recess at 6:48pm.

Returned from recess at 7:02pm.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes, Chief Peistrup; yes.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the following minutes:
- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on February 10, 2025.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

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

Chief thanked the board for allowing him to recognize Cindy Brennan and Phil Pawlowski, they were an important part of the Fire District and meant a lot to us.

Call volume is on pace with 2024.

Morale is good and we are excited to have Alberto sworn in. Next month we will have Eugene In sworn in and he is the last candidate on our eligibility list.

We have started the process for testing for a new list. Candidates can apply up until April 11th through IO Solutions. We will be given weekly updates on the number of applications filed. We have it posted online, Facebook, and the Blueline.

The Board of Commissioners will set up dates for interviewing entry level firefighters and Lieutenants.

The Grant through the OSFM has been submitted. We are trying to receive \$100,000 for the training room remodel.

The Day Room renovation is moving along. Next month there should be more to see. The HVAC had to be moved. Discussion.

We will have an April Finance Committee meeting. We would like to move some money from our MMAs into a CD that will mature when the already ordered engine and ambulance are received and payment will be due.

Chief would like an April Closed Session to discuss the Civilian Paramedics Ordinance, Office Manager's Resolution and possible hiring a part time office employee.

We are working on a new phone system and updating our website.

Trustee Kolaski stated that he is worried about potential accidents when responded to the 19 calls to Rosemont and being returned.

Chief explained that we are part of MABAS and this is an agreement we have with them so they respond to our incidents. Norwood Park does not go lights and sirens unless it is a confirmed fire or box alarm. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Rybak seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the Chief's report for February 2025.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Rybak stated that Resurrection has been purchased by Prime and there have been positions eliminated that used to help with the Flu Shot program at the fire house. The CFO has approved flu shots being purchased for the fire department, still have things to be worked out. Discussion.

The therapy dogs are confirmed for Open House.

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
February 28, 2025

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$346,873.57
Wintrust -MM #2776	2,964,813.99
Wintrust- Checking #9771	29,679.74
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	2795,988.39
Wintrust- Medical #0599	64.19
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,218.79
Wintrust- FSA #0713	21,042.37
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	35,406.11
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$6,195,087.15</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (5.15%, 02/10/26)	1052,189.28
Belmont Bank (4.909% 07/21/25)	643,706.05
Belmont Bank (4.087% 01/19/26)	1,052,230.97
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$2,748,126.30</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$8,943,213.45</u>

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to approve the following:

- February's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$499,063.27.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for February 2025.

Trustee Santoro explained a couple of the larger expenses.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated a CD matured and was renewed for one year at 4.087%. The next CD that matures is in July 2025. They will have a committee meeting at 6pm, before the April 14th board meeting.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Wegrecki stated there is nothing to report.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there was nothing to report but will discuss with the Chief the manual.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that April 26th is Kindness Day and we will hand out Vial of Life and teach CPR. October 4th will be our Open House.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated that Chief Peistrup has been on the board for 23 years and will be stepping down. They will have an election.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve Resolution #25-3, A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus vehicle (Squad #114, 2020 Ford Escape).

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Massaro and seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve Fire Chief Jeffrey Peistrup, Deputy Chief Larry Curran, Office Manager Cyndi Stec, Fire Marshal Mark Blondell, and Trustee Louis Mezzano as the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Freedom of Information Officers.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,

Trustee Palazzo; yes.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve the minutes from the Building and Equipment Committee Meeting held on February 10, 2025.
- Ratify the Chase Card Service payment in the amount of \$5,842.88 for IT, computer Vial of Life, tables, shoes, and couch.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President