**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 19th day of October 2026, at 6:31 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; absent,
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 Mezzano to suspend the rules to permit visitors to be recognized. The Board retains the right 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 Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following minutes:
- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on August 17, 2026

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Chiefs' Report:**

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

Chief stated that there were 398 calls for service in August and 397 in September. October has been a very busy month so far.

Commander Unger retired after 27 years. The District will now appoint Lieutenant David Sanchez as a Commander and promote Marty Lupo to Lieutenant. We still need 2

firefighters to get to full manning. We are working on processing them. Currently we are on #12 of 14 on our entry list.

The Commissioners met in September to discuss the list.

Engine 102 has been in the shop for a couple of weeks. It looks like it is going to be expensive.

We will not be getting our new engine until 2028.

The new ambulance is expected in 2027.

The generator project is moving along. They have been upgrading the electric in the whole building. The generator should be here in November.

The garage doors should be arriving soon and will be installed.

The Finance Committee had a meeting before our board meeting tonight. We discussed the MCD contract, energy agreement, and apparel for the employees. There are also so expenses that are needing to be ratified.

We opened a new CD with Wintrust for $1,000,000 at 4.5% for 18 months.

Submitted a grant for $50,000. The OSFM grant tier one has a November 30 deadline.

We are in good financial shape.

The Open House was a great success. The band was a hit! We are thinking of selling shirts next year.

The flu shot drive-thru was well attended. We really appreciate the Norwood Park Township for their generous donation to cover the cost of the vaccine.

Chief was very happy to see the participation of our employees. We had a great turnout for Open House and Flu Shots.

Safety Town at the Harlem Irving Plaza will be for two weeks.

Discussed the Firehouse Christmas party date.

Trustee Rybak asked if we would consider hosting a pancake breakfast. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Mezzano seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the Chief's report for August and September 2026.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report**: Trustee Rybak stated she has nothing to report.

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
August 31, 2026

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| Assets | |
| **Checking and money market accounts:** | |
| Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 | $684,031.21 |
| Wintrust -MM #2776 | 3,413,087.56 |
| Wintrust- Checking #9771 | 28,111.85 |
| Wintrust- Ambulance #2671 | 1,019,889.17 |
| Wintrust- Medical #0599 | 3,242.10 |
| Wintrust- Donation #4129 | 1,295.85 |
| Wintrust- FSA #0713 | 13,660.99 |
| Wintrust- Business Account #6537 | 16,526.73 |
| Total checking and money market accounts | $5,179,845.46 |
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| **Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):** | |
| Belmont Bank (3.6%, 02/10/28) | ,115,243.20 |
| Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26) | 689,819.21 |
| Belmont Bank (3.65% 01/19/28) | 1,115,556.06 |
| Belmont Bank (4.25%, 9/29/27) | 1,048,448.20 |
| Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27) | 1,042,381.70 |
| Total certificates of deposit | $5,011,448.37 |
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| Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit | $10,191,293.83 |

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
September 30, 2026

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| Assets | |
| **Checking and money market accounts:** | |
| Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 | $712,352.55 |
| Wintrust -MM #2776 | 3,126,127.52 |
| Wintrust- Checking #9771 | 41,258.97 |
| Wintrust- Ambulance #2671 | 938,751.49 |
| Wintrust- Medical #0599 | 71.86 |
| Wintrust- Donation #4129 | 1,299.98 |
| Wintrust- FSA #0713 | 12,703.52 |
| Wintrust- Business Account #6537 | 16,496.73 |
| Total checking and money market accounts | $4,849,062.62 |
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| **Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):** | |
| Belmont Bank (3.6%, 02/10/28) | 1,115,243.20 |
| Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26) | 689,819.21 |
| Belmont Bank (3.65% 01/19/28) | 1,115,556.06 |

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| Belmont Bank (4.25%, 9/29/27) | 1,058,093.92 |
| Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27) | 1,045,774.21 |
| Total certificates of deposit | 5,024,486.60 |
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| Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit | $9,873,549.22 |

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following:

- August's Account Payable Expenditures- $601,242.02.
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for August 2026
- September's Account Payable Expenditures- $603,843.35.
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for September 2026

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| Roll Call: | Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,<br>Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,<br>Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,<br>Trustee Palazzo; yes. |
| AYES: 6 NAY: 0 | MOTION CARRIED |

**Committee Reports:**
Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated she had nothing to report, the Chief covered it.

Building and Equipment Committee- Trustee Wegrecki absent, Chief covered it.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated he had nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that she had nothing to report.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated there was a meeting. There was a firefighter that resigned, a lieutenant that retired, and 4 new firefighters added to the fund. Bills were approved to be paid.

**Old Business:**
None

**New Business**

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the IGA with Municipal Consolidated Dispatch (MCD) for three years beginning December 1, 2026.

December 1, 2026- November 30, 2027 $134,215.56 (4%)
December 1, 2027- November 30, 2028 $140,255.26 (4.5%)
December 1, 2028- November 30, 2029 $147,268.02 (5%)

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the purchase of winter coats, red shirts, and shorts, for the employees, from We the Free Company at a cost not to exceed $20,000.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

- Payment of $49,186.78 to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.
- Approve the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on August 17, 2026.
- Ratify the 60-month Energy agreement with Smartest Energy US LLC at a fixed rate of $0.10394/kWh.
- Ratify the following payments:
    - $91,846.07 to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations for GEMT.
    - $5,276.78 to Chase Card Services for IT, pest control, phones.
    - $6,826.66 to Emergency Vehicle Services for parts and repairs for 101
    - $12,000.00 to Village of Romeoville Fire Academy for Bourne, Giacoma, and Hare.
    - $16,848.00 to Air One Equipment for bunker gear for new firefighters.
    - $12,822.00 to NORCOMM Public Safety for two years of dues.
    - $10,724.46 to Target Solutions Learning for maintenance, tracking, and evaluation platforms.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Closed Session**
Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Rybak to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 5 ILCD 120(2)(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 6:53p.m.
Returned from Closed Session at 7:08p.m.

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

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to adjourn the meeting.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

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Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President