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 17th day of August 2026, 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 Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski 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: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING (Budget and Appropriations 2026-2027)

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

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 Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to approve the following minutes:
- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on July 27, 2026.

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 stated we were just shy of 400 calls this month.

In August there was a truck that ran into a powerline causing a fire. It took some time to get the power shut off. There was also a house fire that extinguished itself, upon arrival there was floor to ceiling char in the room. Discussion.

We have three new candidates in the fire academy; they are all doing well. The 4th candidate hired is already a firefighter/paramedic and assigned to a shift, he is fitting in great.

The 5th candidate is being processed, we are waiting for the background to be completed and then will proceed.

The firefighter that was on Workers Compensation for 6 months with an injury will be coming back to work soon.

The ambulances get inspected by the state tomorrow.

The red garage doors have been ordered, if they are not able to be installed in September then they will be waiting until after the Open House.

There is movement with the generator. The contract was signed in February, and we are expecting delivery in November.

Chief said the Finance Committee had a meeting earlier to review the budget. Discussion.

The expenditure for July was unusually high due to a 3rd payroll being reported in the month. This should cause August's expenditure to be lower than usual.

The property tax bills are going out soon and will be due October 1st.

Community Events:
August 19th- the ribbon cutting at Union Ridge School.
August 20th- The 250th Celebration/Carnival. National Night Out will be held on this day from 4pm-6pm.
August 22nd- The 250 Celebration Parade will start at 11am. Trustees should arrive by 10am if you are going to ride in the equipment or walk.
September 11th- We will have a 9/11 Ceremony in front of the station by the monument. We will have both police department honor guards, a chaplain, and the tolling of the bell.
October 3rd- Open House is from Noon - 3pm. We will also administer the flu vaccine at that time.

October 6th- Drive thru flu vaccine administration from 2pm-6pm.
October 7th- Flu vaccination for homebound. Please have anyone asking to call the firehouse to schedule as soon as possible.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for July 2026.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

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

Assets	
Checking and money market accounts:	
Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	$660,011.39
Wintrust -MM #2776	3,851,817.04
Wintrust- Checking #9771	462.71
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	933,975.34
Wintrust- Medical #0599	4,104.66
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,291.70
Wintrust- FSA #0713	62,741.72
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	17,069.56
Total checking and money market accounts	$5,531,474.12
Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):	
Belmont Bank (3.6%, 02/10/28)	1,105,347.04
Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26)	685,195.21
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)	1,039,000.19
Total certificates of deposit	$4,993,546.70
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	$10,525,020.82

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Wrecki to approve the following:
- July's Account Payable Expenditures- $826,605.55.
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for July 2026

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 she had nothing to report, the Chief covered it.

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

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

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that she had nothing to report, the Chief covered it.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated there is nothing to report.

Old Business:
None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to adopt and approve Ordinance #26-4, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of $13,977,350.

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 Wegrecki and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve the Building and Equipment Committee meeting minutes from July, 27, 2026.
- Ratify the following payment:
    - Chase Card Services in the amount of $9,154.56 for IT, phones, Comcast, Uniforms, brick repair.
    - HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations in the amount of $64,480.89 for GEMT.
    - MH Occupational Health in the amount of $6,200.00 for candidates' physicals.
    - Emergency Vehicle Services Inc. in the amount of $27,784.67 for E101 parts and repairs.
    - Wex Bank in the amount of $5,025.40 for fuel.

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 Palazzo to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President