

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED 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 27th day of July 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.

Swearing in of Commissioner Richard Appelhans, Firefighter/Paramedic Vincent Sandoval, Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Bourne, Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremiah Hare VIII, Firefighter/Paramedic Jack Giacomia.

Motion by trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to go into 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

Went into Recess at 6:44PM

Returned from Recess at 6:52

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.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

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

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

- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on June 15, 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.

There were 387 calls in June. We are at 2,160 calls for this 6-month period.

There were a couple fires this last month, appliance fire with kitchen damage and a roof fire.

The new firefighters are fitting in greatly. Lieutenant Swank managed the orientation process, and it worked well.

We have one more firefighter to hire, we will start the process soon. There are 14 candidates on the list, and we are currently at number eight.

We have had one firefighter off on Workers Compensation with an ankle injury. The firefighter should be returning to work at the end of August if all goes well.

Building and Equipment Committee met and Trustee Wegrecki will discuss this in his report.

Ambulances went to Safety Lane and passed. Thank you to the maintenance team, they are doing a great job.

Engine 101 is back in the shop with a coolant leak. The new engine will not be completed until 2028.

There is movement with the generator project.

The District's fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. We are up 2 million dollars, but this is earmarked for the equipment that has already been ordered. Interest for the fiscal year was about \$400,000 which is nice to see. There were no unusual payments in June.

Our Workers Compensation carrier came in and presented us with a plaque for being injury free (prior years).

Motion by Trustee Rybak seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for June 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)
June 30, 2026

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$638,683.46
Wintrust -MM #2776	4,358,598.50
Wintrust- Checking #9771	26,984.15
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	868,819.69
Wintrust- Medical #0599	2,584.36
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,287.58
Wintrust- FSA #0713	17,669.09
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	17,099.56
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$6,078,532.00</u>

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)	1,105,629.90
Belmont Bank (4.25%, 9/29/27)	1,048,448.20
Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27)	1,035,738.04
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,980,358.39</u>

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$10,912,084.78</u>
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Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the following:

- June's Account Payable Expenditures- \$438,007.48.
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for June 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 a Building and Equipment meeting earlier, they discussed the bids received regarding the overhead doors on the bay floor.

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

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that National Night Out is August 20, 2026. The 250 Celebration Parade is on August 22, 2026, the Trustees can walk a portion of the parade. Discussion.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Wegrecki and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the bid from R&W Garage Door at a cost of \$74,894.26.

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 Palazzo and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the purchase of bullet proof vests and ballistic helmets at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

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 Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Building and Equipment Committee meeting minutes from June 15, 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

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to adjourn the meeting.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President