

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARY 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 20th day of October 2025, 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; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes, Chief Peistrup; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

MABAS Humanitarian Service Award presented to Zachary Schullo.

Swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic John Ernst.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano 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 6:38pm

Returned from recess at 6:50pm

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 Rybak and seconded by Trustee Palazzo 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

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

- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on September 8, 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.

The department has responded to 3543 emergency calls which is 170 more calls at this point as it was in 2024 (busiest year).

Overtime has decreased some. We do have one firefighter off on Workers Compensation.

Two new candidates of currently in the fire academy.

We have exhausted our entry level list, and we are two firefighters short.

Open House and Flu Shot event were attended by almost all employees. This year we went through 400 hot dogs and over 300 flu vaccines.

The 3 ambulances passed IDPH inspections.

Tower 103 was used at training and now has rocks in the pump; it is estimated to cost \$5,000-\$10,000. We will report it to insurance.

We had the bid opening for the generator replacement and received no bids. We are back to square one. Clark Dietz is doing a great job and will continue to assist with this. It is a 2-part bid, equipment and installation.

There is new software for fire reports that is being mandated. Deputy Chief Curran and Commander Blondell are working to get things up and running. We should be ready for the switch to NERIS in about a month.

In September there was a mass casualty drill that we took part in at O'Hare Airport. Our ambulance was in Broadview staging due to the protests.

Financially, we are in a good position even with tax bills not going out yet. We are losing approximately \$5,000-\$8,000 in interest income.

Motion by Trustee Rybak seconded by Trustee Mazzano to approve the Chief's report for September 2025.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
September 30, 2025

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$453,933.26
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,298,813.87
Wintrust- Checking #9771	19,327.48
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,481,195.42
Wintrust- Medical #0599	173.26
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,250.75
Wintrust- FSA #0713	8,435.47
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	100,236.90
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$3,363,366.41</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (4.087%, 02/10/26)	1,073,622.06
Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26)	659,471.31
Belmont Bank (4.087% 01/19/26)	1,073,664.62
Belmont Bank (4.25%, 3/29/26)	1,000,000.00
Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27)	1,000,000.00
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,806,757.99</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$8,170,124.40</u>

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

- September's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$573,085.20.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for September 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 she had nothing to report

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Wegrecki stated he had nothing to report.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski asked for everyone to please return their thumb drives to be updated.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated there was nothing to report.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business

Consent Agenda-

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

- Approve the payment of \$48,488.48 to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.
- Ratify the payment of \$85,350.20 to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations for GEMT.
- Ratify the payment of \$10,313.89 to Target Solutions LLC for CheckIt, drug safes, station, and vehicles.

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 Santoro to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President