

**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 18th day of May 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 Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to suspend the rules to permit visitors to be recognized. The Board retains the right to Kolaski 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 Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve the following minutes:
- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on April 20, 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.

This month there were 363 calls for service. We have about 70 calls for service, fewer than at this point last year.

Personnel- We currently have four paramedic students riding, 2 took our entry level test. The oral interviews will be over 2 nights with about 14 candidates. COPS/FIRE testing company is

new for us this year and things have been going well. We should have a final list on May 22. The goal is to hire four and have eight firefighter/paramedics and three Civilian Paramedics across the three shifts. Chief states that he has crunched the numbers and this will not drain our finances.

The generator project is dragging. They state there are supply chain issues. Chief will continue to update.

We had a Finance Committee meeting at 6pm tonight to discuss the insurance renewal. There is an increase of 16% for medical insurance and a small increase for dental. The expenses this month were what is customary except for the payment for GEMT reimbursement.

We had a discussion with Paramedic Services of Illinois billing; they did an evaluation and can see \$95,000 that was not collected due to it being a resident's coinsurance or deductible. We would like to have their Controller Rebecca come out and speak to the board in the future to discuss it.

We are currently charging Central Baptist for lift assists at half the rate of an ambulance transport (about \$1,200). Chief has spoken to multiple representatives from Central Baptist that have explained their issue and what they are doing to try and change it. Chief would like to offer to charge them \$600 per lift assist. He feels it would be a sign of good faith and still have them try and work out a solution. Chief can do this on his own but wanted the board informed. Trustee Palazzo asked a couple of question regarding the rates. Trustee Palazzo also asked if firefighters could do lateral transfers? Chief stated that they cannot.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Palazzo to approve the Chief's report for April 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)
April 30, 2026

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$605,938.30
Wintrust -MM #2776	5,016,131.24
Wintrust- Checking #9771	30,098.66
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	689,499.24
Wintrust- Medical #0599	5,231.22
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,279.55
Wintrust- FSA #0713	20,648.32

Wintrust- Business Account #6537	17,159.56
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$6,385,986.09</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (3.6%, 02/10/28)	1,095,855.79
Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26)	659,471.31
Belmont Bank (3.65% 01/19/28)	1,105,629.90
Belmont Bank (4.25%, 3/29/26)	1,038,890.41
Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27)	1,029,136.73
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,928,136.73</u>

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$11,314,970.23</u>
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Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the following:

- April's Account Payable Expenditures- \$
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for April 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

Committee Reports:

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

Building and Equipment Committee- Trustee Wegrecki was absent.

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

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated National Night Out is August 20th from 4-6pm. This Friday is Cop on the Roof from 5am-noon.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to approve the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance Choice Options/PO policy S506OPT, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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 renewal for group dental insurance to The Standard PPO, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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 Massaro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the life insurance renewal with The Standard, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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 Massaro to ratify the payment to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations- GEMT in the amount of \$73,240.42.

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 Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act 2(c)(3) selection of a person to fill a public office.

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 6:59PM.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:09PM.

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 7:10PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President