

**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 21st day of July 2025, 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 Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro 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 Santoro and seconded by Trustee Messano to approve the following minutes:

- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on June 9, 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.

Chief stated that the department has responded to over 400 calls this month. We are 175 over last year at this time as well as 100 more than 2023 which was the busiest year in history of department.

There was over 680 hours of overtime in June. This was due to being short due to the academy, vacation, and short firefighters. Moral is good.

Firefighter In passed the academy and test.

We are currently processing two firefighters from the current list. Both candidates will start the fire academy in October.

Firefighter Schullo is currently deployed in Texas with USAR. He will be coming home on the 26th. FEMA will be reimbursing the expense.

Paramedic Zully Delia started working in the office part-time and things are going well.

The preliminary numbers are in and we currently one million revenues over expenses.

We opened a new one-million-dollar CD with Wintrust Bank for a two-year term. We also renewed the CD that matured at Belmont at a rate of 4.25% for 11 months.

Had a Building and Equipment Committee meeting tonight to discuss the generator. It is costing 5-thousand dollars a month to have the emergency generator hooked to our building so we would like to move quickly.

Engine 101 was in the shop for preventative maintenance, there was around \$65,000 in repairs. Tower 103 is in the shop now. The maintenance crew has been working hard.

The policy manual should be ready next month.

We have a new phone system through our IT company. They have been installed and are working well. Please let us know if you have concerns with the voice prompts.

The Lieutenants exam has been completed.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for June 2025.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Attorney Report: Attorney Flaherty stated that Chief and him have had many emails and phone talks, but it is nice to be in person.

Attorney Flaherty gave an update regarding legislation. There are 2 possible legislations that could impact the Fire District.

Overtime portion of pay to be subject to no tax. There is a cap and phase out. The District should continue to take taxes out, when they receive their W2s it will list the OT.

Medicaid is having to make many changes due to cuts. Currently, GEMT is not in the language of the bill. The concern is GEMT will be cut in the future.

We will pass an Ordinance in January 2026 for lift-assists- nonemergency bill passes, this will allow nursing homes to call paramedics to the scene to pick up a patient can be charge after six times in a year. Attorney Flaherty will send the Ordinance.

Attorney Flaherty encouraged Trustees to attend training through the NIAFPD and IAFPD.

Discussion on the process once this entry level list is exhausted.

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

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

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$392,911.89
Wintrust -MM #2776	2,594,786.29
Wintrust- Checking #9771	19,701.71
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	2,589,517.76
Wintrust- Medical #0599	7,537.00
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,236.93
Wintrust- FSA #0713	12,624.84
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	138,707.76
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$ 5,757,024.18</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (4.087%, 02/10/26)	1,062,674.94
Belmont Bank (4.909% 07/21/25)	651,497.71
Belmont Bank (4.087% 01/19/26)	1,062,834.86
Belmont Bank (4.25%, 3/29/26)	1,000,000.00
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$3,777,007.51</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$9,534,031.69</u>

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

- June's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$617,010.69.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for June 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 Chief Peistrup explained the CDs.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Wegrecki had Chief Peistrup speak about Clark Dietz being the engineer for the generator. Dayroom cabinets should be installed Wednesday.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski thanked the attorney, administration, and committee for reviewing the policy. Once the updates are completed, it will be on agenda for approval.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated August 5th is National Night Out, August 17th is the gratitude kickball game, end of July is the Harwood Heights Fest, and October 4th is the Fire Department Open House.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve Clark Dietz, Inc. engineering firm to oversee replacing the existing backup generator at a cost not to exceed \$26,400.

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 Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to adopt and approve Resolution #25-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment (2019 portable and mobile radios).

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 adopt and approve Resolution #25-11, A Resolution, A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment (Pentegra Phone Systems).

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

Consent Agenda-

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

- Ratify the payments:

- Emergency Vehicle Service in the amount of \$14,935 for Engine 101 repairs
- Emergency Vehicle Service in the amount of \$11,549.49.

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 Mazzo to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President