

**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 11th day of August 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; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes, Chief Peistrup; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Swearing in of firefighters Jaime Alfaro and Logan Mertes.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro to go into recess.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

Went into recess at 6:35pm.

Returned from recess at 6:49pm.

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.

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 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: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING (Budget and Appropriations 2025-2026).

No questions/comments from the audience.

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; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on July 21, 2025.

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.

There were 425 calls in July which is continuing the trend of 400+ calls a month. This is on pace to surpass our record.

Overtime in July was high due to employees taking time off. With summer ending we should decrease the overtime.

We have two firefighters that will be heading to the fire academy. We will be processing another candidate soon.

Firefighter Schullo is back from deployment in Texas as part of the USAR team. They would use cadaver dogs and dig where the dogs would mark. There were no injuries to the team, and they will be receiving accommodations.

Zully has been working in the office and things are going well. Cyndi is training her.

Met with the Finance Committee to review the budget which is a 3% increase from last year.

We have begun audit prep.

We will be getting ready for our busy time of year, Open House, Flu Shots, and the HIP Safety Town.

Generator Project bid packets will be going out soon. Clark Dietz is managing this.

We have a punch list for the Day Room and hope to have it completed soon.

All apparatus is currently in service. The Maintenance Team has been working hard to accomplish this.

The changes to the policy should be completed soon and will be sent to the Policy Committee for review.

Trustee Rybak asked about Aging Care Program assisting with services for frequent callers. Chief explained that we have Zully as our liaison with Aging Cares and she has been working on this.

Motion by Trustee Palazzo seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for July 2025.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
July 31, 2025

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$416,384.80
Wintrust -MM #2776	2,090,567.52
Wintrust- Checking #9771	24,933.33
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,451,124.89
Wintrust- Medical #0599	7,197.00
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,241.60
Wintrust- FSA #0713	11,142.57
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	104,460.40
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$ 4,107,052.11</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (4.087%, 02/10/26)	1,062,674.94
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 \$4,795,810.87
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$8,902,862.98

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

- July's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$582,680.72.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for July 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; absent,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated we opened a CD at Wintrust Bank for \$1,000,000 for 24 months at a rate of 3.9%. The budget is on the agenda for approval.

Building and Equipment Committee-There was no report.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated that changes will be made per the attorney's suggestion and should be on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro thanked everyone that took part in National Night Out. This Sunday is Gratitude Generation from 9am-noon at the park.

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 adopt and approve Ordinance #25-3, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$11,473,476.00.

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

Consent Agenda-

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

- Building and Equipment Committee Meeting Minutes
- Ratify the payments:

- HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations- GEMT in the amount of \$330,906.01.
- Emergency Vehicle Services in the amount of \$11,095.57 for repairs to Engine 101.
- Health Endeavors in the amount of \$9,265.00 for department physicals.
- Emergency Vehicle Services in the amount of \$29,043.48 for repairs to Engine 101.

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 Mazzano to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President