

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706.

The President called the meeting to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call:                   Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Chmura; yes, Chief Stenson; yes;  
  
                                  Attorney Mark Chester; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Chmura to approve the agenda for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting.

AYES: 6   NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Sulimowski 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

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the payment of all current bills.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Hadfield and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
April 30, 2008

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):	
Plaza Bank checking (0.245%)	\$ 14,716
Plaza Bank money market (1.05%)	887,425
Plaza Bank	<u>573</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	902,714

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):	
Parkway Bank and Trust (4.15% 09/10/08)	472,628
Plaza Bank (4.66% 01/17/09)	112,019
Plaza Bank (3.50% 03/18/09)	1,002,884
Plaza Bank (5.25% 06/23/08)	1,423,669
Midwest Bank (5.35% 05/10/08)	422,059
Parkway Bank and Trust (5.00% 08/07/08)	<u>316,449</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>3,749,708</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,652,422</u>

Trustee Martell reported a CD from Midwest Bank and Trust matured. He shopped for rates from different banks and also researched investing in bonds. It was decided that bonds are not a good investment at this time, and he will continue to shop for rates for CD's.

Chief Stenson reported on tax money received by the District and the Pension fund. It was discussed by Trustee Martell that the money owed to the Pension fund will be paid after this year's audit is completed.

Motion by Trustee Szczurek, seconded by Trustee Chmura to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for April 2008.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Chiefs Report:**

All Trustees received a copy of the alarm report.

All Trustees received a copy of the inspection report along with the list of completed inspections for this month.

Chief reported there were 5 fires this month. Everything went well, with no injuries.

Everything has been ordered for the kitchen. They will be starting construction soon.

The Firemen were out on the street collecting money for Burn Camp. They collected about \$3,200.00.

On the agenda is the purchase of radios for two ambulances we are obligated to replace by 2010. The money will come from the 911 allocation grant. Also, we would like to purchase a GPS unit for the front line engine from this grant.

Website updates are still being worked on. Two signs have been ordered to put on the marquee to advertise our web site address.

Illinois Clean Energy grant was received; we have a bid from Lime Energy, and are waiting for two other electrical companies to bid.

The Memorial Day wreath presentation is coming up, Chief asked if there are any volunteers to present the wreath.

Attorney Mark Chester commented on the Web Site. Once you have a web site you must post your agenda and minutes. Discussion on the posting of correspondence on the web site. Chief questioned posting articles from magazines on the web site. Attorney Chester advised to get permission from the magazine or the author.

Discussion on the start of the audit. Crowe Chizek said they would start in the second week of October. Chief Stenson will request to have it started earlier.

Discussion on charges from Crowe Chizek on research of tax issues.

Discussion on the extra work our accountant must do to fulfill the requirements from the auditor. Finance Committee will review.

Chief reported the ambulance computers will need to be replaced in the near future.

There is one outstanding issue with the new payroll company, there is an \$11.00 overtax to be worked out with the IRS.

Attorney Chester will discuss the tax objections tonight. The Chief has copies of the bill from Mark Chester if anybody wants to review the charges, see the Chief.

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Hadfield to accept the Chiefs report as presented for April 2008.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

## **Presidents Report:**

Trustee Sulimowski reported on the Memorial Day ceremony in Norridge. All other issues have been discussed.

## **Correspondence:**

Tabled.

## **Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Chairman Trustee Chmura reported there is nothing.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Hadfield reported everything has been covered.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Trustee Sulimowski reported the committee will discuss correspondence.

Policy Committee- Chairman Trustee Gelsomino reported there is nothing at this time.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell reported the Pension meeting was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Jeff Peistrup took over as President and Randy Davis as Secretary. Ray McGovern ran unopposed for another term. They are scheduling a meeting with investors to make presentations. Discussion.

Chief Stenson is referring to Trustee Martell regarding the water bill that the District is now receiving. Trustee Martell reported that Senator Deleo said that there is legislation stating that a village cannot charge for water. Also, the village has an ordinance that does not allow the Village to charge governmental bodies. Attorney Chester spoke with Harwood Heights's attorney and is waiting for a return call. Discussion.

## **Old Business:**

None.

## **New Business:**

Motion by Trustee Chmura, seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the payout to Dennis H. Stefanowicz in the amount of \$6,879.55 and Raymond McGovern in the amount of \$20,522.33 for the purpose of cashing in their sick day bank that was used for medical insurance payments after they retired.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Hadfield, seconded by Trustee Sulimowski to purchase and install 2 Kenwood TK-790 mobile radios from Radco Communications at a cost of \$1,700.00 for ambulance 112 and 105 to be paid out of the surcharge reallocation program grant.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the settlement of tax rate objections for the years 2001 and 2002.  
Tabled until after Executive Session.

Motion to appoint a Fire Commissioner for a 3 year term, from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2011.  
Tabled until after Executive Session.

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Sulimowski to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, salary, potential or threatened litigation and approve the Executive minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Went into Executive Session at 8:03 P.M.

Returned from Executive Session at 8:54 P.M. All present. The Board approved the Executive minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. No other votes taken.

Motion by Trustee Martell, seconded by Trustee Chmura to approve the settlement of tax rate objections for the years 2001 and 2002.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino, seconded by Trustee Chmura to table the appointment of a Fire Commissioner for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District for a 3 year term, from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2011.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Hadfield; yes, Trustee Sulimowski; yes,  
Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Chmura; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Hadfield to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

---

Paul Szczurek  
Secretary

---

Dominic Sulimowski  
President