

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 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.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Motion by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Chmura to approve the agenda as presented for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting.

AYES: 6   NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

A motion was made by Trustee Hadfield and seconded by Trustee Martell 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 Chmura 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 Chmura and seconded by Trustee Gelsomino to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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

Trustee Skyba arrived 07:05pm.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
March 31, 2009

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):	
Plaza Bank checking (0.245%)	\$ 384
Plaza Bank money market (0.494%)	1,592,599
Plaza Bank checking- Public Education	573
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.494%)	91,807
Suburban Bank & Trust	<u>12,645</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	1,698,008

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):	
Parkway Bank and Trust (4.34% 05/10/10)	482,420
Plaza Bank (3.07% 01/17/10)	116,001
Plaza Bank (2.23% 03/18/10)	398,352
Plaza Bank (3.50% 06/23/09)	1,479,794
Belmont Bank (4.10% 05/21/11)	444,688
Parkway Bank and Trust (4.35% 04/07/10)	<u>325,683</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>3,246,938</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,944,946</u>

Trustee Martell stated there was 1 CD that matured and was renewed at Plaza Bank.  
Discussion on upcoming CD's and current rates.

Motion by Trustee Chmura, seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for March 2009.

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

AYES: 7 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.

Trustee Training part 3 is Saturday in New Lenox.

We would like to move forward with the tax objection for Kmart, there is a Resolution on the agenda tonight for consideration to follow through with the appeal to PTAB.

Joey Irsuto is continuing with therapy, he goes to the doctor again on May 18<sup>th</sup> and is hoping to get an order to start work hardening.

Joe Carpino was injured and was off for about a week, he is now back at work.

Trustees packets had information regarding the 911 grant from Cook County. We would like to have it on the agenda for next month to purchase the radios that need to be installed on the vehicles by 2012. The whole fleet will then be up to standard. Trustee Sulimowski asked if the Finance Committee is notified of these grants, Chief will make sure they are notified. Trustee Chmura asked if the Chief receives acceptance letters approving what they plan to purchase from the grant. Chief replied that everything is run past them prior to purchase.

Commissioner Strempek reported they will be having a meeting approving the Rules and Regulations that were completed by Attorney Broier . Discussion on some of the changes.

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to accept the Chiefs report as presented for March 2009.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

#### **Presidents Report:**

Trustee Sulimowski stated they held contract negotiations with Union representatives Lt. Blondell, Lt. Striedl and Firefighter Peistrup. Negotiations are going well and the representatives are presenting the offer to the rank and file. Trustee Sulimowski and Trustee Chmura stated that they feel it is all going well and thanked the Chief for his help.

Trustee Sulimowski stated it has been a pleasure and an honor to work with Trustee Szczurek, he will be missed. Trustee Szczurek wanted to thank everyone.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Chairman Trustee Chmura stated the Chief put together a Commissioner compensation survey, currently they receive \$900.00 a year. Trustee Chmura would like the trustees to look over the survey and they will have a proposal for the next meeting.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Hadfield reported on the roof's condition and the findings, recommendations and bids from the contractors. Discussion on adding a roof hatch. Discussion on possibly delaying the repairs and the additional damage it may cause.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Trustee Sulimowski stated nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee- Chairman Trustee Gelsomino stated the Cell Phone Policy is on the agenda for tonight.

Pension Fund- Trustee Skyba stated there is a meeting coming up on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Martell stated he had nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve Resolution #09-1, A Resolution authorizing representation in proceedings before the Property Tax Appeal Board (Kmart No. 9348).

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the payout of sick time buyback to the following:

Kevin Stenson 162 hours \$6,163.26  
Art Koszczuk 192 hours \$5,462.16  
Total buyback \$11,625.42

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Hadfield to approve the Cell Phone Policy.

Trustee Skyba stated that he did not receive this policy prior to this meeting.  
Discussion.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Sulimowski to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

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Paul Szczurek  
Secretary

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Dominic Sulimowski  
President