

**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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; yes, Trustee Martell; absent,  
  
                                  Trustee Gelsomino; yes, Trustee Hadfield; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Szczurek; yes, Chief Stenson; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

**COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

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

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Hadfield to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):	
Plaza Bank checking (0.245%)	\$ 991
Plaza Bank money market (0.494%)	442,405
Plaza Bank checking- Public Education	573
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.494%)	258,064
Suburban Bank & Trust	<u>11,923</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	713,956
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)	117,772
Plaza Bank (2.23% 03/18/10)	401,324
Plaza Bank (1.98% 06/23/10)	1,492,699
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>3,264,586</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$3,978,542</u>

Chief reported that the Auditor contacted him and would like to start, it was decided that they will start in about 2 weeks.

Motion by Trustee Skyba, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for July 2009.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Martell arrived at 7:10 P.M.

**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.

Workers Compensation insurance and building insurance has been serviced by Ideal Insurance Company, Chief read a letter from Ideal stating that IPRF (Workers Compensation insurance) will no longer be supported by Ideal. VFIS will remain the same. Ideal is looking into other workers compensation insurance coverage but has still not secured an insurance company. Chief met with an insurance broker from IPRF today and he will be submitting a quote. A letter needs to be sent to Ideal Insurance Company by September 15<sup>th</sup> if we no longer care to remain with them. Discussion.

Meetings have been going on with the Village of Harwood Heights on making a Community Calendar at a cost of \$700 per year. Discussion on the pros and cons of doing this. Trustees decided that the Fire Department does not have much to add and we have our own web site with information on upcoming events. Chief will let them know that we would not like to proceed with this.

Ridgewood is having their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and would like to have the taxing bodies purchase a banner for \$200.00 that will be displayed on the streets around Ridgewood. Trustees agreed to the purchase.

The Firemen's Union, Trustee Chmura and the Chief have met together regarding paying for college education for the firemen. The Union is working on language for approval by the board. The contract states that the firemen who receive approval for classes receive a percentage paid for by the District depending on the grade. Concern is that numerous firefighters are going to attend classes and there is no way to budget for that. Dan Johnson is going to take classes at Triton College this semester at a cost of \$649.00.

Dan Raz (our intern) is finishing up his last week. He was approved to work 10 weeks but only worked 9. Chief asked if he would be able to work 1 week in December when he is on winter break. The Trustees agreed. Discussion.

Engine 103 is on Firelineequipment.com they had a lead the other day, were asked for additional paperwork which has been supplied to them, so we are waiting to hear.

There was another problem with Squad 109 having to jump the vehicle every couple of days, the radio is causing the problem. Discussion on the clunkers for cash deals and different options. It is a 2001 and has around 80,000 miles. Discussion. Checking into grants.

Next month after the meeting we will be presenting a plaque to Dominic Sulimowski.

Commissioner Rinaldi stated there was a Commissioner's meeting regarding the questions that will be asked on the promotional exam. They have secured 3 Chiefs they will be using to administer the oral exam.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Presidents Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Chairman Trustee Chmura stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Hadfield stated that the Chief did a nice job getting prices together for the upcoming vote.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Trustee Skyba stated he was starting to check into things.

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

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated they had a meeting and met with the investment advisors and are researching different strategies. Trustee Chmura stated that other Trustees were also in attendance and he feels that is important.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to adopt and approve Ordinance #09-3, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Budget and Appropriation for fiscal year 2009-2010.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to adopt and approve Resolution #09-6, a Resolution authorizing intervention in property tax assessment appeals.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Hadfield to approve Fireline Equipment to sell Engine 103 at a listing price starting at \$60,000.00.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on the quotes received regarding seal coating the parking lot. Recommendation by Chief Stenson to go with the lowest bid.

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve D'Amico to crack seal, seal coat and stripe the parking lot at a cost not to exceed \$1,893.75.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion to go into Executive Session was tabled.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

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Donald Gelsomino  
Secretary

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James Chmura  
President