

**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 July, 2010 at 7:02 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706.

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 Chmura; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Strempek; yes, Deputy Chief; yes  
  
                                  Attorney Shawn Flaherty; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

**COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Szczurek 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 Chmura; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 6   NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
June 30, 2010

#### Assets

##### Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):

|  |    |              |
|--|----|--------------|
| Plaza Bank checking (0.245%)                       | \$ | 341          |
| Plaza Bank money market (0.295%)                   |    | 542,226      |
| Plaza Bank checking- Public Education              |    | 573          |
| Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.295%) |    | 376,599      |
| Suburban Bank & Trust                              |    | <u>9,118</u> |

Total checking and money market accounts 928,857

##### Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Plaza Bank (1.40%, 03/02/11)            | 602,099        |
| Parkway Bank and Trust (1.35% 05/10/11) | 517,749        |
| Plaza Bank (1.60% 01/17/11)             | 120,069        |
| Plaza Bank (1.39% 03/18/11)             | 408,740        |
| Plaza Bank (1.340% 06/23/11)            | 1,262,659      |
| Belmont Bank (4.10% 05/21/11)           | 444,688        |
| Parkway Bank and Trust (1.50% 07/07/11) | <u>349,636</u> |

Total certificates of deposit 3,705,640

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$4,634,497

Trustee Chmura stated that we renewed a Plaza Bank CD. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Strempek, seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for June 2010.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Chiefs Report (D/C Kovalcik):**

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.

The final budget will be on the August agenda.

This month's agenda has the purchase of 7 sets of bunker gear and 7 Halo escape systems. Deputy Chief Kovalcik wrote a safety grant to Illinois Public Risk Fund for \$14,100.00 to use for bunker gear and self rescue equipment. Initially it was discussed to replace 8 sets of bunker gear but after discussion between the Chief and himself, it was decided to purchase self rescue equipment. This is becoming a trend and has already been mandated on the east coast.

Chief Stenson has mentioned firefighter Jeff Peistrup attending Paramedic school in August. Deputy Chief Kovalcik wanted to mention that after the testing procedures, Jeff ended up in the top 10%. The Department is very proud of that accomplishment.

The tuck pointing for the building has been completed.

Deputy Chief Kovalcik reported on the rust repair on the Ambulances, he drove the ambulance to Foster Coach and while he was there he met with Steve Foster to discuss the new ambulance. Initially they were going to do a mirror image of ambulance 106, but after reviewing the specs, they changed some lights to LED's and added a backup camera which ended up lowering the price from \$153,000 to around \$150-\$151,000.

While there, he picked up an ambulance as a loaner which thankfully we had because we had to use it the day after, due to an air conditioning problem with our ambulance. Once we receive ambulance 112 back, we will be sending in ambulance 105.

Deputy Chief commented on sending our ambulance on June 11<sup>th</sup> to Chicago mutual aid for the Blackhawks parade due to the amount of patients they had caused by the heat. First Deputy, now Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff wrote a letter thanking us for the aid.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Skyba to accept the Chiefs report as presented for June 2010.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Presidents Report:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee-Chairman Trustee Chmura stated that the budget will be on the next agenda.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Gelsomino stated the Deputy Chief covered it.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Trustee Strempek stated nothing to report.

Policy Committee- Chairman Trustee Skyba stated he is still working on the shirts.

Pension Fund- Trustee Chmura stated that there is a meeting he believes on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, next month they may see where the performance of the funds are at and may have more to discuss.

**Old Business:**

None.

Trustee Martell arrived at 7:15PM

**New Business:**

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to purchase 7 Halo escape systems at a cost of \$275.00 each, at a total cost of \$1,925.00 from Xtreme Rescue, paid for with the IPRF Safety Grant.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to purchase 7 sets of bunker gear from Air One Equipment at a cost of \$1,805 each, at a total cost of \$12,635.00, paid for with the IPRF Safety Grant.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the payment to the Pension fund \$35,050.00 due from the Government Fund as shown in the June 30, 2009 audit.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

Randy Davis- 201.35 hours \$5,412.95

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Identity and Privacy Protection Policy.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Gelsomino and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the Addendum to the Collective Bargaining agreement Article XXXI for tuition reimbursement.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the changes to the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance policy from PPO plan 42312 to PPO plan C2413 and HMO effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Question on the Motion by Trustee Martell stating the Union was aware of the changes. He wants it noted that this has been done in good faith. Trustee Chmura stated that he has talked with the Union and they are working with the District. They have a meeting with the members in the near future to resolve this.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion tabled to go into Closed Session.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

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Donald Gelsomino  
Secretary

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James Chmura  
President