

**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 14th day of December, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706.

Acting Secretary will be Paul Szczurek.

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; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,

 Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; yes, Chief; yes

 Attorney Flaherty; 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: 5 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; absent, Trustee Chmura; yes,

 Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; yes.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 8th, 2010.

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

AYES: 5 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):

Plaza Bank checking (0.046%)	\$	669
Plaza Bank money market (0.295%)		4,815
Plaza Bank checking- Public Education		573
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.295%)		65,370
Plaza Bank-Medical 1003102		753
Suburban Bank & Trust		<u>9,603</u>
Total checking and money market accounts		81,783

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (1.40%, 03/02/11)	606,296
Parkway Bank and Trust (1.35% 05/10/11)	517,749
Plaza Bank (1.60% 01/17/11)	121,027
Plaza Bank (1.39% 03/18/11)	410,172
Plaza Bank (1.340% 06/23/11)	458,145
Belmont Bank (4.10% 05/21/11)	486,801
Parkway Bank and Trust (1.50% 07/07/11)	<u>349,636</u>

Total certificates of deposit 2,949,826

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$3,031,609

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

Trustee Skyba asked if there is anything to report, Chief stated that tax money is starting to come in and there is a CD due in the near future.

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

AYES: 5 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Martell arrived at 7:10pm

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.

Our Engine was involved in an accident last Wednesday, they were enroute to an emergency medical call when a vehicle hit the front bumper and pushed them into the parkway and knocked over a stop light. The vehicle was ticketed for not yielding to an emergency vehicle. We had two of our fireman transported to the hospital, they were both sent home for the day with one returning on his next shift and the other to be evaluated on the 17th. The adjuster came today and hopefully we can get it in as soon as possible to make the repairs. The damages are approximately \$8,000. Discussion.

Workman's compensation update, Joe Carpino had surgery December 7th, the rehab takes approximately 6 months. His 1 year on Workman's Compensation is up March 5th. Dan Johnson is recuperating at home, his injury took place on Oct. 6th with a 3 to 6 month healing time. Brad Virgils is scheduled to see the Doctor on Friday the 17th, he will be evaluated at that time. Chief Stenson will keep Trustees informed as to their progress.

We talked about our intern working 80 hours over the holidays; we did not approve this at the September meeting, so it is on the agenda tonight.

The audit is not complete yet; they did not start until October so we will probably have to file for an extension. If it is completed before the end of the month we can hold a special meeting

to accept it. They are waiting for the GASB report from Tim Sharpe. Discussion. After the audit, they will have a finance committee meeting with the auditor and our accountant.

Flu shots were a success again this year. It took a long time to go through the 700 that we ordered. We are usually sold out after the week at the Township Hall but at that time we still had 225 left. We had it on the marquee and went through 180 more and Resurrection Hospital bought back the remaining 45 shots. I believe this was due to Walgreens, Jewel and a few other places that were advertising the flu shots a month or two before we received ours. I am going to cut it down to 500 for next year.

Tax money is starting to come in; we received about 900,000 so far this month.

The Christmas party was a huge success this year, everybody would like to thank the board for supporting the party.

There was an incident at Ridgemoor Country Club a couple of weeks ago. I notified everybody about a Country Club member who got in the way of our paramedics and punched one of our firemen. Two of our firemen pressed charges and will be appearing in court on January 20th in Skokie. I am putting a letter together to send to the board of directors at Ridgemoor to let them know what one of their members did. I will keep you abreast of the situation.

We recently changed our landline phone provider from AT&T to call one. This company did a study on all of our phone lines and circuits and they are going to save us about one thousand dollars a year and they will be our only contact for service instead of the three companies that we have been dealing with. They took over our lines on December 6th.

Last month we had Keystone Ventures come in to talk to us about our property. I have not heard anything from them since that meeting.

I gave everybody a copy of the medical insurance update showing approximate savings of \$20,000 in four months.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Chairman Trustee Chmura reported on the Principal stock that was brought to our attention. We are not in the business of holding stock, so it is the opinion of our attorney that we should liquidate it. They will liquidate it in the least expensive way possible. Discussion.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Gelsomino is not here.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Trustee Strempek stated that with the Chief they switched phone carriers to CallOne, over the next three years we should save about \$3,000.00. Discussion.

Policy Committee- Chairman Trustee Skyba stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell reported that he talked to MB Financial, all the bonds have transferred except for one or two. The annuities are just sitting there and they are waiting for them to be transferred. There has not been any financial reports since September. Trustee Martell and Trustee Chmura stated they are going to make a letter of demand for the annuities.

Attorney Flaherty expects Governor Quinn will sign the new Pension reform and they will make it a 2 tier system. This reform will impact the board because the amortization will go from 2033 to 2040 to be 90% funded. The levy's should be coming down. Discussion.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to pass and approve Ordinance #10-3, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District 2010-2011 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to pass and approve Ordinance #10-4, an Ordinance giving Cook County Clerk direction related to the 2010 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the raise of Administrative Assistant as per Resolution #08-4.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the payment of \$16,417.06 to the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Board.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve 80 hours of work for Intern Dan Raz, at a rate of \$10.00 an hour to be completed over the winter break.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion to go into Closed Session was tabled.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Paul Szczurek
Acting Secretary

James Chmura
President