# 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 February 2012 at 7:11 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; yes,

Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

Trustee Lymperopulos; yes, Chief Stenson; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Swearing in of Firefighter Steven Swank.

Recess at 7:15 P.M.

Returned from Recess at 7:21 P.M.

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE** (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Lymperopulos 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: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

Trustee Lymperopulos; yes.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

Trustee Lymperopulos; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets (Arising from Cash Transactions) January 31, 2012

#### Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):	
Plaza Bank checking (0.046%)	\$ 1,241
Plaza Bank money market (0.295%)	324,496
Plaza Bank checking- Public Education	573
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.295%)	368,940
Plaza Bank-Medical 1003102	2,867
Suburban Bank & Trust	0
Total checking and money market accounts	698,117
Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):	
Plaza Bank (1.10%, 03/02/12)	613,386
Belmont Bank and Trust (1.20% 08/23/12)	524,738
Plaza Bank (1.091% 01/17/12)	122,842
Plaza Bank (1.10% 03/18/12)	416,408
Plaza Bank (1.00% 06/23/12)	465,581
Belmont Bank (1.20% 08/21/12)	501,652
Belmont Bank (1.00% 07/19/12)	<u>356,205</u>
Total certificates of deposit	3 <u>,000,812</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	\$3,698,92

Trustee Martell stated there are many CD's that are coming due in the next couple of months and rates are going to be lower. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Skyba, seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for January 2012.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

Trustee Lymperopulos; 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.

We put the old phones on Craig's list for a couple of weeks just to dispose of them. We sold them for \$100 and deposited it in the general fund.

Sick time buyback is on the agenda, the figures have been approved by Trustee Martell and our accountant Paul Smit.

I sent the building and equipment committee information on the 6 bay floor heaters. The new Engine is 10'6" in height ant the bottom of the heaters are 10'3" from the floor. The heaters are 24 years old and only 50% efficient. We can replace the heaters with low profile 85% efficient units for a cost of approximately \$11,750.00. The savings we should see with the efficiency will pay for itself in 5 years. We requested three quotes from different companies. Next meeting you will have the copies of the bids and it will be on the agenda.

Everybody received information on ambulance billing in their packets. I had noticed a decrease in our ambulance billing revenue and requested a meeting with PSI. What we found was 1) the amount of the ambulance calls were down. 2) We have not been paid by Medicaid since last June, this is usually around \$20,000 annually 3) Medicare changed the way they pay for mileage and we were down \$60,000 from last year 4) Our Medicare totals are way down from last year. We went over our Ordinance and they suggested we raise some of our fees. This will not affect our residents because we do not balance bill them. I had our Attorney go over the Ordinance and he made a couple additions. The copy that I distributed to you had the changes. Discussion.

Squad #107 is a 2002 Impala (70,000 miles) that has several things wrong with it (rust, traction control sensors, fuel gauge, O2 sensors and dents). I really don't want to put any money into it. I would like to replace it as soon as I can and trade in the old one. I will put it in the budget for replacement in July. I will give my car to the Bureau (2005 Impala with 35,000 miles) and look for a State purchase for the new one. Discussion. Going to look at the budget to see if we are able to fit it in this budget. Discussion.

We just finished testing all of our air packs. We are having a lot of problems getting them to pass. We have not heard yet on the grant for this equipment. The packs are 13 years old and need to be replaced very soon. If we don't get the grant, we might have to purchase on our own. The cost is over \$100,000. Discussion.

I reported last month on the extras for the new engine. The total cost as of now for the additions and deletions is \$3,896.20 hopefully that will be all. Should be ready in the second week of April.

Just a reminder, we have 4 Trustees registered for Administrative training on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Rockford at the Cherry Valley Fire Protection District. Registration starts at 7:30am; classes begin at 8:30am.

I notified everyone on Jeff Peistrup's injury at a fire last week. He has seen his doctor and went for an MRI today. They are calling it a strain at this time until they get the results of the MRI. He is off for at least another week.

Just a reminder, Charlie Stec's retirement party is February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let Cyndi know if you are going to attend.

Received the report back from ISO showing where we went up in points. Discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to accept the Chiefs report as presented for January 2012.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

#### **Presidents Report:**

Nothing to report at this time.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Trustee Chmura stated he is waiting to hear from the fireman to get some pre contract discussions to know what they are looking for. If anyone on the board has any ideas of what they would like to see, please contact someone on the Finance Committee and discuss it with them.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Szczurek stated Chief covered the heaters in his report. Chief asked if they are looking for to purchase all of the heaters or half at this time. Trustee Chmura stated to put it on the agenda for all the heaters.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Strempek stated there is nothing to report at this time.

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

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated they had a meeting in January and that it was a positive meeting. Discussion.

#### **Old Business:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

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

Mathew Mattio- 72 hours \$2,065.68 Leigh Unger- 144 hours \$4,100.40 Art Koszczuk- 144 hours \$4,728.24 Claude Erlewein- 144 hours \$4,161.60 Paul Kossifologos- 96 hours \$3,256.80 Joey Irsuto- 96 hours \$2,741.28 Paul Striedl- 144 hours \$3,801.60

Total elective buyback \$24,855.60

Trustee Lymperopulos had a question on how the sick time is figured. Chief Stenson explained the process. Discussion.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

Trustee Lymperopulos; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lymperopulos and seconded by Trustee Skyba to pass and approve Ordinance #12-1, an Ordinance amending the imposition and collection of Emergency Ambulance user fees.

Trustee Strempek asked what the attorney wanted added. Discussion.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

## Trustee Lymperopulos; yes.

Doug Strempek Secretary	James Chmura President		
Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.			
AYES: 7 NAY: 0	MOTION CARRIED		
Motion was made by Trustee Strempek and seconded by Trustee Skyba to adjourn the meeting.			
Motion to go into Closed Session was to	abled.		
AYES: 7 NAY: 0	MOTION CARRIED		