

**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 13th day of March, 2012 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 Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

 Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

 Trustee Lympelopulos; 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

Commissioner Rinaldi reported on the Commissioner meeting which discussed the promotional exam and the options they have regarding an assessment center. Discussed the New Firefighter Hiring Act seminar that the Chief and he attended. Discussion. Also discussed the Open Meetings Act requirement and the plan to make an application for authority to dispose of local records for the Commission.

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 Chmura; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

 Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

 Trustee Lympelopulos; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 14th, 2012.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
February 29, 2012

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate):

Plaza Bank checking (0.046%)	\$	1,211
Plaza Bank money market (0.295%)		371,799
Plaza Bank checking- Public Education		573
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.295%)		416,046
Plaza Bank-Medical 1003102		942
Suburban Bank & Trust		<u>0</u>
Total checking and money market accounts		790,571

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 3,000,812

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$3,791,383

Chief stated that there was a CD renewed at .65% at Plaza Bank and we have another CD due which will most likely be renewed at this rate as well.

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

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

AYES: 6 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.

The new engine goes into production next week. We are scheduled to go for a final inspection on April 24th. The apparatus should be delivered shortly after that. The engine that we sold will be picked up when we put the new one in service, which should be a couple of weeks. We will need to get the radio equipment installed and all tools mounted. All the radio equipment will be removed from the old engine.

On the agenda is a generator for the new engine. You have all the quotes in your packet. The old engine has a generator that operates all the lighting on the apparatus; this will need to go with the unit. The new generator has built in lighting that will aid in any arson investigation.

Last month I talked about the need to replace our 13 year old air packs. We have not heard on the grant but we found out we are approved if the money holds out. We were told by the grant writer that there is still a 35% chance that we will not receive the grant. We have been approached by our distributor about purchasing some packs that were sold to someone who refused delivery. These units would be discounted. We will wait until we find out if we get the grant before we go ahead and purchase these. Discussion.

We talked about the need to get a new car to replace the 2002 Impala. The cost of the State Purchase for an Impala Pursuit Vehicle is \$18,800. This would take 60 to 90 days to order, and then we would need to install radios and emergency lighting. This would be approximately another \$2,000.00. We do have it on the budget but I would like to order it sometime in May so it would be put into the new budget and arrive sometime in July. I will continue to work with the Equipment Committee.

We finished distributing the ISO letters to all residents in the District. We finished the Township a couple weeks ago. We have been fielding some phone calls from residents and insurance companies, so we know the word is out.

In January Paychex changed the OASDI Social Security portion on you check. We were told that this was due to the tax relief act not being extended. The act did pass in February and Paychex did make up the difference in February and now in March it is back to normal. Everybody now has a letter from Paychex explain what happened.

Trustee training is scheduled for March 24th in Rockford, registration is at 7:30am and class begins at 8:30am. Trustee Strempek, Jarosz, Szczurek and Lymperopulos are registered. If you want to take my car it is available.

A motion was made by Trustee Strempek and seconded by Trustee Lymperopulos to accept the Chiefs report as presented for February 2012.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Chmura stated in Closed Session they will discuss the contact with the Union.

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

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

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

Pension Fund- Trustee Chmura stated there is a meeting coming up and should be interesting. Actuary reports under new law require 90% funding which means our levy could be reduced for pension and could reduce real estate taxes throughout the District. We need to talk with Actuary Tim Sharpe and the firemen are aware of this. Trustee Chmura stated that if we would be able to keep the pension portion of the levy down that would help in decreasing the burden on the residents.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

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

Steven Henmueller- 144 hours \$4,106.88

Total elective buyback \$4,106.88

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Lymperopulos to approve the purchase and installation of 6 Reznor #UDAP 200,000 BTU gas-fired unit heaters with power vent and electronic ignition from Al Air at a cost of \$11,750.00.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the purchase of a TEU-2.15D 2000W Generator for new Engine 101 from Paul Conway Shields at a cost of \$1,779.27.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations, the possible release of Closed Session Minutes and to approve the Closed Session Minutes from December 13th, 2011.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 7:24 P.M.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:57 P.M., all present except for Trustee Martell, voted not to release Closed Session minutes at this time and did not approve December 13, 2011 Closed Session minutes.

Motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Lymperopulos to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Doug Strempek
Secretary

James Chmura
President