

**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 November, 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; yes,

 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.

Presentation of the Life Safety Award to Sydney Powers.

COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba 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 Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell 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 Lympelopulos; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Strempek and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 9th, 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)
October 31, 2012

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate- APY):

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| Plaza Bank checking (0.046%) | \$1,770 |
| Plaza Bank money market (0.295%) | 602,576 |
| Plaza Bank checking- Public Education | 573 |
| Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market (0.295%) | 808,070 |
| Plaza Bank-Medical 1003102 | 2,958 |
| Suburban Bank & Trust | -- -- |
| Total checking and money market accounts | <u>1,415,917</u> |

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

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|---|----------------|
| Plaza Bank (0.65%, 03/02/13) | 617,053 |
| Belmont Bank and Trust (1.20% 08/23/12) | 528,032 |
| Plaza Bank (0.85% 01/17/13) | 123,622 |
| Plaza Bank (0.65% 03/18/13) | 418,898 |
| Plaza Bank (0.65% 06/23/13) | 468,659 |
| Belmont Bank (1.20% 08/21/12) | 509,219 |
| Belmont Bank (1.00% 07/19/14) | <u>359,776</u> |

Total certificates of deposit 3,025,259

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$ 4,441,176

Trustee Martell stated that there are no CD's maturing, he expects the rates to continue to go down. He feels we are in a strong fiscal position. Trustee Martell saw a flyer talking about the pension funds unfunded liability. He states he would like it on the record that this information is incorrect. Trustee Chmura has stated that he has communicated with the Pioneer Press about an editor that was incorrect and they are going to check into how they accept editorials. They are aware of errors.

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

I mailed out invoices to the other taxing bodies that share the Early Warning System. Norridge and Norwood Park Township paid their portion but Harwood Heights wanted a copy of the intergovernmental agreement before they paid. I have searched all of our files, contacted Norridge and the Township and nobody has a signed copy. I have the document without signatures. Discussion. I researched back and found that Harwood Heights has paid their part out of their 911 fund. I talked with Lt. Maraviglia and he will talk with the board and pay the invoice out the 911 fund. We will make a new document and have it approved for the maintenance of the Early Warning System.

For the past 35 years we have been part of the Good Samaritan EMS System in Downers Grove. This has been inconvenient for us due to the location. Any meetings or trainings would be held there. 90% of the departments in their system are around the hospital and transport to Good Samaritan. I have always looked for a way to get closer with the blessing of Resurrection, our home hospital. Two months ago Lutheran General Hospital started their own EMS system. I have been in contact with them and scheduled a meeting with the Project Medical Director and the ER Coordinator. Resurrection would like to see us move there and this is a hospital that we transport to. Discussion. LGH doesn't want to step on Good Samaritan's toes because they helped them start their new system and they are both Advocate hospitals. I have already spoken with Good Samaritan and told them of our intentions and asked for their blessing if we make the move. I will keep you posted of the progress. Discussion.

The Hurst equipment is on the agenda, this is the extrication equipment that we have been talking about for awhile. I have been working with the Equipment Committee and they agreed we should put it on this month's agenda. We had demonstrations and quotes from two different suppliers of this equipment. We decided this is the equipment that would benefit our department the most. The front line engine would have all new battery operated equipment and the reserve Engine would have new cutters and that would solve our problem. We thought the cost would be over \$25,000 so we are happy with the quote.

There is a motion on the agenda for the fence but we may have to table it. Trustee Chmura stated we will discuss it when we get the motion.

The 2% check came in last week for \$18,684 we deposited the check and after board approval we will forward a check to the 2% Board.

There are a few lights that are in bad shape on the exterior of the building and we were going to try and repair them, but the electrician thought it would be best to replace. The fixtures are 25 years old, taking in some water and they keep popping circuits. Trustee Martell asked if this was the problem also with the marquee, Chief Stenson stated that he will have the electrician check it.

Our property and vehicle insurance coverage quote came in and it's going up 5.5%. I have contacted them and asked for a reason. The said it was due to loss, so I have requested a loss report. The loss report shows a loss reserve of \$50,000 due to the accident in 2010. This accident is being paid for by the other insurance but they said they still need to keep the reserve open. Otherwise there would not have been an increase.

On a sad note, Commissioner Golebiowski's father passed away. I will forward the arrangements to everybody when I receive them.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Presidents Report:

None

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Chmura asked Chief Stenson how the audit is going. Chief stated we should have a draft in a couple weeks. Discussion.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Trustee Szczurek stated after working with the Chief they recommend passing the motion that is on the agenda tonight.

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

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

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated they met in October. Assets are going up in value, they feel MB Financial is doing what we want them to do. It is very transparent. Discussion.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the payment of \$18,684.45 to the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Board.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Martell to authorize the Chief to accept any group tax objection settlements with Robbins & Swartz per Resolution #09-6 after notification to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Chmura stated that the Chief is the only one who has authorization and if the chief is out of town the trustees will need to have the authority. The feeling is that we have a small part in this consortium and if the school districts that have a large portion agree that there should be a settlement, we will go along with it. Discussion.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve Bradford Development to purchase and install a 6 foot PVC fence on the rear of our property was tabled.

We will wait for a possible compromise prior to approving a purchase. The old fence was removed already. Trustee Martell and Trustee Chmura feel that we should not pay anything since we did not ask for it. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Sczurek to approve the replacement of 4 exterior light fixtures, material and labor by T&M Electric for a total sum of \$1,390.00.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the purchase of Hurst Equipment from Air One at a cost of \$22,825.00.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion to go into Closed Session was tabled.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Doug Strempek
Secretary

James Chmura
President