

**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 8th day of October, 2013 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 Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lympelopulos; yes,

 Trustee Romano; 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: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos to approve the payment of all current bills in the amount of \$391,527.18.

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

 Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lympelopulos; yes,

 Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 10th, 2013.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; present, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; abstain, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lympelopulos; yes,
Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on September 24th, 2013.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on September 24th, 2013.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
September 30, 2013

Assets

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

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$1,948.45
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	1,092,910.42
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	558,64.79
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>3,338.21</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>1,656,801.87</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (0.65%, 09/02/14)	621,036.10
Belmont Bank and Trust (1.00% 08/23/14)	537,956.77
Plaza Bank (0.64% 07/17/14)	124,280.14
Plaza Bank (0.65% 09/18/14)	421,601.78
Plaza Bank (0.65% 12/23/14)	471,684.89
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/21/14)	514,309.80
Belmont Bank (1.00% 07/19/14)	<u>363,372.92</u>

Total certificates of deposit 3,054,242.40

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$ 4,711,044.27

Motion by Trustee Skyba, seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for September 2013.

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

The Open House was a big success as usual, thanks to everybody that helped. We went through 575 hot dogs donated by Lukes on Harlem, 480 taffy apples that were donated by North Community Bank, 20 pizzas donated by Dominoes, 100s of boxes of popcorn, 345 flu shots donated my Mary Field, 800 fire helmets, 600 educational goody bags and many gallons of lemonade and coffee.

Rich Appelhans had surgery on his knee last Thursday due to a fire a few weeks ago and will be out 3 to 6 weeks. Lt. Koszczuk had surgery on his hand due to an off duty injury and has been off since August 25th he should return in 4 to 6 weeks.

We received notice that a hearing has been set for November 20th in the Cmdr. Carpino duty related disability case. I will keep you notified of any progress.

Our 2007 Ford Ambulance went in for service and several issues were found. The unit should be done tomorrow and the cost to repair is a little over \$5,000.00. We do need to start preparing specs for a new ambulance that will be on the next budget. We will put together a committee and start doing our research in February. If you remember we pushed the new ambulance off for another year trying to stretch things out. Our 3rd backup ambulance is a 2005.

We are currently applying for a lighting grant/rebate that needs to be approved by the end of October. This will replace all the outdoor fixtures with LED's. The savings over the years should pay for itself. The quote I received for the lighting is \$8,000.00 with another \$2,000.00 for 5 poles. The grant/rebate covers up to 80% of the lighting. This does not include installation which I will be getting prices for. We added this on the agenda to purchase outdoor lighting not to exceed \$11,000 and part of this will be paid for by the grant/rebate if everything goes through.

There was 192 hours of overtime from this last month. There were 72 hours of overtime due to Workers Compensation, 24 hours of training that will be reimbursed by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, 63 hours from Safety Town and 31 hours from Division 20 team training.

There were questions on the financial report from last month. There was a \$400 difference from the financial report to the payment of current bills on the agenda. We had used our total expenses which were different than Lauterbach's modified accrual total expenses. From now on we will be using Lauterbach's total expenses.

We are still waiting for the audit from Knutte. We talked to them today and they said it is in partner review and we should have a draft next week.

The levy will be due at the December 10th meeting. We will need to publish a Truth in Taxation hearing in the paper 7 to 14 days prior to the meeting. We will need to know what percentage we will be going for in order to do the levy. Shawn Flaherty and Lauterbach have offered to help us with the process.

The next Pension meeting will be October 22nd at 7PM.

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Lymperopulos to accept the Chief's Report for September 2013 as presented.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Presidents Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Martell stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Szczurek discussed the purchase of the outdoor LED lighting.

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

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

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated there will be a meeting October 22nd at 7pm.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the purchase and installation of 19 fixtures of LED lighting and 5 poles at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. The LED lighting will be partially rebated at a later date by the (D.C.E.O.) Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the destruction of Closed Session audio tapes from November 2011 up to and including April 2012.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Romano to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, possible litigation and review and release of Closed Session minutes from June 2012 to September 2013.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 7:26PM

Returned from Closed Session at 7:33PM. All members present, no votes taken, not releasing Closed Session minutes at this time.

Motion was made by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Andrew Skyba
Secretary

Douglass Strempek
President