

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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 Lymperopulos; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Romano; yes, Attorney Flaherty; 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 Martell 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

Dave Knutte gave a report on the audit.

Commissioner Golebiowski discussed the final eligibility list for entry level firefighter effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the payment of all current disbursements in the amount of \$376,762.73.

Chief Stenson states that this amount is deceiving since the health insurance and worker compensation is not included in the total.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Strempek and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

MOTION CARRIED

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

#### Assets

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

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$4,256.72
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	370,076.45
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	667,237.28
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>4,539.70</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>1,046,110.15</u>

#### Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (0.65%, 09/02/14)	622,033.23
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Belmont Bank and Trust (1.00% 08/23/14)	539,307.29
Plaza Bank (0.64% 07/17/14)	124,481.87
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)	515,600.96
Belmont Bank (1.00% 07/19/14)	<u>364,285.16</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>3,058,995.18</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 4,105,105.33</u>

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

**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 Christmas party was a huge success again. We had close to 100 people this year, thanks to the board for supporting this annual tradition; I hope everybody had a good time.

I recently attended the court hearing on the pension board appeal from Joe Carpino. The Judge denied the appeal and Carpino now has 30 days from November 20<sup>th</sup> to appeal the ruling. Discussion. I will notify you when I hear something.

Everybody has a breakdown of the overtime for the month. We still incurred one day of OT to cover Workers Compensation but hopefully that should be the end of it. We had two other days where somebody called in sick and we had to cover minimum manning. 18 hours of OT for training is pretty standard for a month to cover all the team members.

We went out to bid on the actuary for OPEB benefits. We reached out to other Districts to recommend other actuaries because Tim Sharpe declined this year. In your packet you have three quotes. We can discuss them when the motion is made. This report is due every three years.

Our Workers Compensation renewal is in and we were increased from \$15,663 to \$17,775 per month, this is a 13.5% increase about \$25,000 for the year. I requested a meeting with IPRF and met with them last week. They said it was due to our claims. We do have a big claim expiring this year and should see a decrease in the premium next year.

The lighting project is still on hold, I have asked H and H to find another supplier that will do the grant work. There is no major hurry, we will try and get this done in the spring.

I have a sample of the new jackets that we are purchasing through VCG. The jackets are ANSI certified, they are much safer than wearing the blue baseball jackets. The cost of 35 jackets are between \$10,000 and \$11,000. This has been approved by the 2% board and will be paid in full by the 2% fund.

Trustees have asked about the class to be held here by Shawn and our accountants in January or February.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Attorney Report:**

Pension bill passed and has no impact on fire districts.

COGFA wanting information on PSEBA benefits. Discussion on information required.

Tax objections received for 2007-2010 – court call coming up this week, this will take some time to get settled.

The Trustee class will be on a Saturday in January. We will need to get approval from IAFFPD in order to get credit for the 3 hours of training. We might need to get other districts involved. The trustees asked attorney Flaherty to work with IAFFPD to try and get the credit. The trustees still want the class whether or not they get credit.

**President Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

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

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Szczurek stated it is a continued work in progress.

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 is nothing to report at this time. There is a meeting December 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussion about calling into a meeting. Attorney Flaherty will work on Ordinance.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Motion by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Strempek to pass and approve Ordinance #13-4, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District 2013-2014 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to pass and approve Ordinance #13-5, an Ordinance giving Cook County Clerk direction related to the 2013 Tax Levy.

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

Review of the quotes for tri-annual OPEB actuary.

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Romano to approve Foster & Foster to perform the tri-annual actuary of Other Post-Employment Benefits (O.P.E.B.), at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Jarosz; yes,

Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Szczurek; yes, Trustee Lymperopulos; yes,

Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session was tabled.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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Andrew Skyba  
Secretary

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Douglass Strempek  
President