

**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 11th day of February, 2014 at 7:06 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

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

 Trustee Jarosz; absent, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; absent, Trustee Lympelopulos; absent,

 Trustee Romano; yes, Chief Stenson; yes.

Motion by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Skyba to appoint Trustee Martell as President Pro Tem.

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

 Trustee Martell; yes, Trustee Romano; yes

 Trustee Jarosz; absent, Trustee Strempek; absent,

 Trustee Lympelopulos; absent.

AYES: 4 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Romano 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: 4 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the payment of all current disbursements in the amount of \$410,904.90.

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

AYES: 4 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Romano to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on December 10th, 2013.

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

AYES: 4 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 11th, 2014.

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

AYES: 4 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Romano and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 14th, 2014.

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

AYES: 4 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
January 31st, 2014

Assets

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

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$5,325.62
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	44,681.72
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	262,045.38
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>1,201.21</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>313,253.93</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (0.65%, 09/02/14)	622,033.23
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)	422,278.70
Plaza Bank (0.65% 12/23/14)	472,442.22
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/21/14)	515,600.96
Belmont Bank (1.00% 07/19/14)	<u>365,199.69</u>

Total certificates of deposit	<u>3,061,546.02</u>
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Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 3,374,799.95</u>
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Trustee Martell stated that disbursements are where they normally are. Tax bills are out. No CD's are coming due until July.

Discussion on Treasurer report. Trustee Martell feels there will be a slight deficit at the end of the year, better than we projected.

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

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

AYES: 4 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 will be putting a committee together to spec out a new ambulance. We have stretched out this purchase an additional year. We will be getting rid of a 2005 International which we purchased in 2004. The purchase will be on the new Budget in July 2014, the plan is to order it in September and take delivery 6 months later. We will do research on financing and report the options to the board. We currently have a 2007 and a 2010 Ford F450. The price of a new one is between \$150,000 and \$175,000. We will sell the old one for about \$20,000. Discussion.

I recently contacted IAFFPD to see if it was possible to host a class instead of us traveling to Rockford. They contacted me and said to make a request for the end of this year but everybody except Trustee Romano has completed the training for this year. I will look into making a request for 2015 and try and find a class for Trustee Romano later this year.

We have a \$16,800 grant from IPRF that we need to apply for by March 15th. In the past we have bought bunker gear, Hurst tools, Radios, thermal imaging cameras. We are getting quotes on updating our plymovent system, air bags and power stretchers. I will forward the information to the equipment committee when I receive it. The plymovent system is going on 25 years and it is getting very expensive to keep repairing. This would be the best improvement we could make. They are coming out Thursday to see if they could salvage the rails. The new system is all magnetic but it might be a lot more money than our grant will give us. We are also looking into battery operated stretchers and air bags.

I have been fighting with our workers comp broker for a few years. They keep charging us close to 10% for the sick time buyback. I have worked with Shawn and we tried sending them a letter but they refuse to budge. We just received our workers comp audit and I explained the whole scenario about the sick time. The auditor agreed with us and her report said that paying sick time not taken is reducing their exposure and they should refund us. We will need to make a decision on whether we want to get an attorney that fights for us if they don't agree on the audit. Last calendar year we put out \$110,000 in sick time and then another 10% to WC. Discussion.

We had an injury on Saturday when Cmdr Grygiel fell and hurt his hand when he was shoveling out hydrants. He had x rays that were negative but went to another Doctor yesterday. He is at work today and cleared for full duty.

I was notified yesterday that I will need to testify at the Illinois workers compensation commission on March 7th in the Dan Johnson trial. I will keep you posted. Discussion.

Trustee Szczurek asked about the lighting grant and where we are at, currently it is dropped, but when the weather is nicer we will work on it again.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Romano to accept the Chief's Report for January 2014 as presented.

AYES: 4 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Martell stated they have not met recently and maybe should. There will be a KPI report soon.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Szczurek stated there is nothing at this time.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Strempek not present.

Policy Committee- Chairman Skyba stated there is nothing to report at this time. Discussion on clothing options to purchase for trustees. The committee has not met to discuss the electronic participation policy, but will schedule a meeting before the next board meeting. The Rules and Regulations of the

Trustees will also need to be updated. Attorney Flaherty wanted to know if we would like to do a full review. Chief will get a price and see if he will do it for a flat fee. Discussion.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated there is a meeting on January 22nd which he was not able to make. He spoke with Jeff and with MB Financial, the numbers are positive because the market is positive. For 3 meetings there has not been financial reports from Lauterbach and Amen, if there is a timing issue then we will need to move the date of the meeting. Discussion. We are solidly in the 57% funded.

Trustee Martell commented on the tax bills and the numbers that appear on it. No one has commented on this as of now.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

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

Rich Appelhans	72 hours	\$ 2,224.80
Claude Erlewein	144 hours	\$ 4,935.60
Steve Henmueller	127 hours	\$ 3,850.67
Joey Irsuto	72 hours	\$ 2,191.92
Paul Kossifologos	120 hours	\$ 3,575.28
John Kovalcik	48 hours	\$ 2,752.56
Leigh Unger	81 hours	\$ 2,440.26
Total elective buyback		\$21,971.09

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

AYES: 4 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Closed Session was tabled.

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

AYES: 4 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Andrew Skyba
Secretary

Robert Martell
President Pro Tem