

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 via Zoom Cloud Meeting ID #817 2210 2699 Password #321192 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day November 2020 at 6:37 P.M.

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

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Avino; yes,  
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,  
Trustee Evans; yes (via phone), Chief Blondell; yes.

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

A motion was made by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Avino 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.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Avino; yes,  
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,  
Trustee Evans; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Skyba joined the meeting at 6:49pm

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Santoro approve the finance plan with PNC Bank (Pierce Financing) for the purchase of Tower 103. Financing will be for 10 years with \$200,000 down, making the annual payments \$130,859.25.

Discussion on the down payment. Chief explained the financial report and confirmed that all revenue is reported. The budget has allocated \$300,000 this fiscal year and we cannot spend more than that. The accountant, along with administration feel comfortable with \$300,000 down, so anything under that is conservative.

Trustee Kolaski asked if we will have a meeting with the accountants as was discussed previously.

Trustee Avino stated that the board should develop questions for the accountants. Chief stated that the administration is well versed and could answer questions, if there was something that needed greater explanation, we could contact our accountant.

Trustee Cichon explained that the Finance Committee has met and came up with what they feel is the best decision, the option chosen is a safe one.

Trustee Avino stated that the committee looked at all options and he feels this is the best choice.

Chief explained that June 2021 we will put down the \$200,000, then beginning in April of 2022 our 1<sup>st</sup> payment will be due. This will be for 10 years at 2.65%.

Trustee Evans asked when we can expect to receive the Truck, Chief explained that Pierce says fall of next year. After we receive it, it will be about another month before it is ready to go in service. The firefighters are making a list of what items will need to be purchased. Members of the 2% Fund have unofficially talked about purchasing equipment needed for the Truck, the discussion was possibly

\$20,000 this year and another \$20,000 next year which shows their commitment to the Fire Department.

Trustee Cichon states that this is amazing.

Commander Peistrup stated that they are trying to do their part.

Trustee Cichon asked if the Trustees have any additional question and to please ask them now.

Trustee Kolaski asked if the Chief has heard anything from Martwick and LaPointe, Chief states that he has left messages and emailed but has not received any answer.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Avino; yes,  
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,  
Trustee Evans; yes.

AYES:7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Cichon asked the Chief is all is good? Chief stated the Department is busy with calls, the building is shut down and the employees are being exposed frequently to Covid-19 patients but taking every precaution.

Trustee Skyba asked the status of the next board meeting.

Chief explained that it is December 14<sup>th</sup> and too early to tell. Will keep everyone informed.

Trustee Rybak asked if we have received a survey for Covid-19 immunizations, Chief stated we have not.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

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Joanne Rybak  
Secretary

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Andrew Cichon  
President