

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7447 W. LAWRENCE AVE.
HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706**

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 10th day of May 2021 at 6:30 P.M at 7447 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights, Illinois.

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

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

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Kolaski 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

Motion by Trustee Avino and seconded by Trustee Santoro approve the following minutes:

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on April 12, 2021.
- 2- Approve and keep closed the April 12, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
April 30, 2021

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	235,961.47
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,332,231.92
Wintrust- Checking #9771	9,288.05

Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	782,477.83
Wintrust- Medical #0599	1,849.61
Wintrust- Donation #4129	929.00
Wintrust- FSA #0713	3,684.23
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$2,366,422.14</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (3.00%, 02/10/21)	697,750.79
Belmont Bank (3.00% 01/21/21)	580,797.82
Belmont Bank (2.50% 01/19/21)	<u>405,507.45</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$1,684,056.06</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,050,478.20</u>

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the April's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$411,248.67 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for April 2021.

Trustee Avino stated that the invoices were typical for the month. Trustee Kolaski asked about all the checks for insurance and if there is a way to consolidate them. Discussion.

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

Chiefs' Report:

Chief stated he hopes all is well and that all Trustees have received a written report.

The call volume has been increasing.

There was a large fire yesterday at Guerin. Discussion.

After last month's purchase of a second LUCAS and it being put in service, we had back-to-back cardiac arrests. That purchase allowed both ambulances to have this device when it was needed.

Ridgewood High School delivered Covid vaccines at the school. They gave about 600 vaccines.

We are having some success for homebound residents. Resurrection Hospital is taking the names and numbers of the residents and scheduling the vaccine in the home through their Parish Nurses. Norwood Park Medics will not be giving the vaccine.

Division 20 received new radioactive monitors at no cost to the district. We have them placed in the Command Vehicle, Engine, and Truck.

Norridge is having their Memorial Day Celebration on May 30, 2021, at noon. Please let us know if you want to be there to present a wreath.

Chief showed the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance video giving Norwood Park an award for our Boot Day Collections which were over \$10,000.

Administration will be working on the budget.

We had two companies turn in proposals for the audit.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the Chief's report for April 2021.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Cichon stated he had nothing to report. He will get everyone up to speed about CBA in Closed Session.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Avino stated the proposals for the audit were just turned in and there was no time for a finance committee, but the option is clear.

Building and Equipment Committee- Trustee Evans stated that they are still working on the bunk room and Engine 101 has been sent in for rust repair.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated he worked with Cyndi on Chapter 3 and has sent copies to the committee. They will have a committee meeting and then bring it for the 1st reading. Once approved, the USBs will need to be updated.
Trustee Kolaski thanked Trustee Avino for his time on the board.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated there was nothing to report and will be scheduling a meeting for May 24th at 6pm. Chief will send out an email to confirm.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba stated that there was a meeting last week that he could not attend. He spoke with Mr. Russo, and he says everything is going well. Jeff Peistrup was unanimously voted as president.
There is a commissioner reappointment this meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Review of proposals received to conduct the Norwood Park Fire Protection District's annual audit. Proposals received from Sikich and Mueller.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the auditing services of Sikich LLC for three years at a cost of:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
District	\$8,900	\$9,100	\$9,300
Fire Pension	\$3,800	\$3,875	\$3,950
Total proposal	\$12,700	\$12,975	\$13,250

Trustee Avino states that Sikich is a very respected company and is \$7,000 less than the other proposal. Discussion.

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

Motion by Trustee Avino and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adopt and ratify the canvass of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District election, already performed by the Cook County Clerk, and declares, Joanne Rybak, Jerome Kolaski, and Katarzyna Evans have each been elected to serve a six-year term as Trustee of the District.

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

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Avino to approve the reappointment of Andrew Golebiowski as Fire Commissioner of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District for a three-year term, from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2024.

Trustee Skyba stated that he spoke with Commissioner Golebiowski and would have loved to have been here, but thanks the board for the years he has spent on the board and for the 3 additional years. Trustee Evan asked if someone could tell her a little about Andy Golebiowski since she does not know him. Discussion.

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

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the consent agenda:
-approve the payment, not to exceed \$8,000, to Industrial Organizational Solutions (IOS) for the Lieutenant Promotional Exam to be held in 2022.
-approve the minutes from the CBA Committee Meeting held on May 14, 2021.
-ratify the payment in the amount of \$8,676.21 to Illinois Healthcare and Family Services-Emergency Transportation Services for GEMT.
-ratify the payment in the amount of \$6,000 to MABAS XX for dues and special teams.

Trustee Skyba asked what GEMT is? Chief clarified GEMT and explained how we have many firefighters on MABAS teams.

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

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to go into Closed Session Pursuant 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) Selection of a person to fill a public office and Section 2 (c)(2) Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees.

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

Went into Closed Session at 7:02pm

Returned from Closed Session at 7:38 PM, no decision made, no votes taken.

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

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

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 Avino turned in his letter of resignation as a Trustee of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District effective after this board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Joanne Rybak
Secretary

Andrew Cichon
President