

**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 8th day of December 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; absent,
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 Santoro 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: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Evans approve the following minutes:

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on November 8, 2021.
- 2- Approve and keep closed the November 8, 2021, Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- 3- Approve the November 17, 2021, Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

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

The region Covid numbers are currently 4.6% according to the IDPH website.

Next month we will ratify a payment to the state for about \$104,000 for GEMT.

We have 6 months after our fiscal year ends to file our audit, our auditors have just filed for an extension for 60 days, we expect to receive a draft any day.

Previously, this board approved \$15,000 for beds, Firefighter Mark Blondell was able to purchase them for \$9,000. He still needs to purchase bed covers but was able to get them down in price substantially.

We have been extremely busy, call volume for this year will exceed any previous year. The Chief has been responding to calls. We have also had towns coming in to assist with transporting patients.

Trustee Skyba asked if everywhere is busy. Trustee Rybak stated that there are currently 62 patients in the Resurrection Emergency Room and 35 patients waiting for beds. ALGH has 10 hours waits and Cook County has 3 day waits. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the Chief's report for November 2021.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Cichon stated 2021 has been a tough year, 2022 maybe tougher. We try to make the best decisions for the residents and personnel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	321,706.27
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,416,904.28
Wintrust- Checking #9771	17,092.04
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	608,018.81
Wintrust- Medical #0599	643.49
Wintrust- Donation #4129	919.17
Wintrust- FSA #0713	769.38
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$2,366,053.44</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (0.45%, 02/10/22)	699,331.01
Belmont Bank (0.45% 01/21/22)	582,750.48
Belmont Bank (0.45% 01/19/22)	<u>406,870.79</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$1,688,952.28</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,055,005.72</u>

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the November's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$409,809.58 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for November 2021.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Evans stated that the beds were the only outlier for the bills. After the new year there will be a couple of CDs that will mature, we will need to decide what to do.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated he would like to set up a meeting. Chief stated that the 2% Fund has allocated another \$7,500 towards outfitting new Tower 103. He was on Truck 104 today and cannot wait for Tower 103 to arrive. Truck 104 asking price has been lowered again.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski not present.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated there was a Community Relations Committee meeting today and they gave the chief the go ahead to gather information on a referendum. Once information is gathered, there will be a committee established and start moving forward to get a game plan. This is for an operations referendum.
Discussed T-shirts. Too early to discuss having an Open House. Discussion.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba stated there is nothing to report.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Skyba to pass and approve Ordinance #21-3, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District 2021 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Skyba to pass and approve Ordinance #21-4, an Ordinance giving Cook County Clerk direction related to the 2021 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the renewal for Workers Compensation through Illinois Public Risk Fund, effective January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2023, at an estimated cost of \$173,028.00.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Cichon to approve the Liability Insurance renewal with Corkill Insurance, effective January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2023, at an annual cost of \$48,049.00.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Skyba to adopt and approve Ordinance #21-5, and Ordinance Amending the Imposition and Collection of Emergency Ambulance User Fees.

Chief Blondell explained that this reflects the GEMT rate we are adopting and will renew each year without having to pass a new Ordinance.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Cichon to adopt and approve Ordinance #21-6, and Ordinance adopting a Fire Prevention Code Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to Life and Property from Fire or Explosions and Establishing a Bureau of Fire Prevention and Providing Officers therefore and defining their Powers and Duties.

Chief explained that previously the Fire Marshal would have to try to enforce fire codes with nothing to back himself up, this will now change. This also defines the fees for plan review that will increase slowly. Discussion on fees. Chief explained that historically, the board did not want to charge. Discussion.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the IGA with the Village of Norridge regarding fee and fine structure as defined by the Fire Prevention Bureau, pending legal edits.

Chief explained how this is a 10-page legal agreement so we can use the village for adjudication. We will have to go to the Village of Harwood Heights and have it completed there as well.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the meeting dates for 2022. Meetings will be held the second Monday of the month except for October which will be held the third Monday. Meets will be called to order at 6:30pm.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Joanne Rybak
Secretary

Andrew Cichon
President