

**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022 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 Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,  
Trustee Mezzano; 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 Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Skyba 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 Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski approve the following minutes:

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on March 14, 2022.
- 2- Approve the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes held on March 22, 2022.

Roll Call:                   Trustee Skyba; abstain, Trustee Kolaski; yes,  
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes,  
Trustee Mezzano; 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 increased 22.5% this month.

Covid numbers are increasing slightly at 1.7% but this is not part of the overall increase in call volume.

The mandatory harassment training for trustees was due, we have one trustee that still needs to turn it in.

Tower 103 is out in the bay and almost ready to go in service.

Truck 104 has been lowered to \$20,000 and is showing some interest. Chief will keep the Building and Equipment Committee informed.

The Workers Compensation audit was completed, and we will be receiving a little over \$10,000 back.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the Chief's report for March 2022.  
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report:** Trustee Cichon stated there was a REC meeting. Chief is having an informational meeting next week. The Union has pledged \$15,000 towards the referendum.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
March 31, 2022

#### Assets

#### **Checking and money market accounts:**

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	372,955.69
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,977,314.42
Wintrust- Checking #9771	6,203.05
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,121,775.70
Wintrust- Medical #0599	6,195.53
Wintrust- Donation #4129	919.56
Wintrust- FSA #0713	<u>12,381.59</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$3,497,725.54</u>

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

Belmont Bank (0.45%, 02/10/22)	700,969.78
Belmont Bank (0.45% 01/21/22)	583,187.77
Belmont Bank (0.45% 01/19/22)	<u>407,331.58</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$1,691,489.13</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$5,189,214.67</u>

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Cichon to approve the March's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$543,861.26 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for March 2022.

Trustee Evans stated that most of the tax money is in. It was a larger payment due to our \$130,000 payment towards Tower 103.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Trustee Evans stated there was nothing to report.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated there is nothing to report.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there is nothing to report, but to please bring your USB drives back to be updated.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro reminded everyone that Norridge Kindness Day is April 23<sup>rd</sup> and we are looking for volunteers from 10am – 3pm.

Open House will be on October 1<sup>st</sup> from noon-3pm. Trustee Rybak will try and get the therapy dogs; we will need a donation.

We will get to use our new smoke house.

St. Rosalie will be having a carnival, August 18-21<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion on revealing Tower 103 and having it blessed.

Flu shots will be later in October.

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

Chief stated that the commissioners had a meeting. The entry level applications are due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Lieutenant’s exam process has started, the commissioners have the dates of the oral interviews.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business**

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve Ordinance #22-2, an Ordinance adopting and implementing a schedule of salaries and benefits for civilian employees of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; no, Trustee Kolaski; yes,  
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes  
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evans to adjourn the meeting.  
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Joanne Rybak  
Secretary

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Andrew Cichon  
President