

**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 9th day of May 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 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: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on April 11, 2022.

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

Chiefs' Report:

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

Norrige's Memorial Day ceremony is May 29, let Cyndi know by tomorrow if you will attend.

Covid numbers are increasing but people are not as sick.

The call volume has increased 18% from this time last year, it is up 34% in last 10 years.

Update with Civilian Paramedics: most departments are struggling to find paramedics. We currently have a list of more paramedics than needed. Other fire departments are wanting to meet with us regarding our process.

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

President's Report: Trustee Cichon stated that this is a great feeling, while employment is down all over, the District is in a good place.

The mural completed by Ridgewood High School is awesome.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
April 30, 2022

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	380,485.50
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,718,726.02
Wintrust- Checking #9771	5,817.17
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,217,646.00
Wintrust- Medical #0599	1,028.42
Wintrust- Donation #4129	919.91
Wintrust- FSA #0713	<u>15,199.00</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$3,339,822.02</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>\$5,031,812.01</u>

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the April's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$415,056.49 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for April 2022.

Trustee Evans stated there was nothing out of the ordinary with bills.

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 were a couple of options for medical insurance. One would increase the premiums by 9%, the second would decrease the premium by 12% but there is more risk. Discussion. Finance Committee recommends the 2nd option with the decrease of premium. Trustee Evans read a letter and showed items received from a 15-year-old Polish boy whose father was a firefighter and passed away.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated they are waiting on Tower 103 reveal.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated that the single role paramedic policy is on the agenda for approve. Please bring your USB drives back to be updated.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that the mural is fabulous. We will unveil Tower 103 at Open House. Currently, we are focusing on the referendum. Chief stated that he spoke with Illinois State Representative, Brad Stephens at the senior fair last week. We also received a thank you from Rosemont for responding to the shooting at their mall.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba stated they are working on the officer’s list and tonight there is a commissioner to reappoint.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the medical insurance policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance Choice Options/PPO policy 5506OPT, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Cichon to approve the dental renewal with Guardian PPO, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Cichon to approve the life insurance renewal with The Standard, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustee Policy for Civilian Single Role Paramedics.

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

Motion by Trustee Skyba and Trustee Kolaski to approve the reappointment of Demetrious “Jimmy” Mougolias as Fire Commissioner of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District for a three-year term, from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2025.

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

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Skyba to go into Closed Session, pursuant to Section (2)(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and/or section (2)(c)(11) of the Act (pending, probable, or imminent litigation).

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

Went into Closed Session at 6:52pm.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:06pm, no votes taken.

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.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Joanne Rybak
Secretary

Andrew Cichon
President