

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 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; absent, 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: 6 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 May 9, 2022.
- 2- Approve and keep closed the May 9, 2022 Closed Session Minutes.

Roll Call:                   Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,  
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.

Truck 104 left and is in New Jersey on its way to Pauraque. A resident used his private funds to transport it do. The truck was here for 27 years.

Tower 103 is here, and the shifts have been training on this. There have been a couple of glitches but thankfully it is under warranty. Deputy Chief Erlewein is handling this.

In 19 days, we are switching to Civilian Paramedics. PSI has cut off communications and we have had 2 open paramedic positions on most days.

Trustee Evans asked how we are receiving the money PSI would owe. Chief explained that it will be deducted from their last invoice.

Discussion about flu shots. If Mary Field is not wanting to donate this year, the Norwood Park Township has offered.

The lieutenant exam was just completed, it was moved back so that it would not be during Christmas but unfortunately it was during the referendum. Matt Mattio ended up #1 on the list.

Entry level exam is currently going on. Many departments have had difficulty having people take their test. Two departments in our division have 0-2 people show up. Norwood Park had 75 applications, 42 showed up to the written and 30 passed. We have 5 or 6 that are paramedics and ended up high on the list. Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the Chief's report for June 2022.  
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report:** Trustee Cichon stated that June 28<sup>th</sup> (election day) is all that he is thinking about. He would like to thank the Chief and everyone for all his hard work.

### 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	390,058.90
Wintrust -MM #2776	1,395,506.05
Wintrust- Checking #9771	2,641.66
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,382,277.89
Wintrust- Medical #0599	722.42
Wintrust- Donation #4129	920.55
Wintrust- FSA #0713	14,231.63
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$3,186,359.10</u>

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

Belmont Bank (0.60%, 02/10/23)	700,969.78
Belmont Bank (0.40% 07/21/22)	583,187.77
Belmont Bank (0.50% 01/19/23)	<u>407,832.44</u>
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$1,691,989.99</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,878,349.09</u>

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the May's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$420,167.44 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for May 2022.

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

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes, 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 they will be meeting for the final budget and the Chief contract that is up at the end of August.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated they have the \$90,000 grant that is going to be used toward the \$135,000 communication. The firefighter/paramedics currently have to use their phones, which is not right. Chief explained that MCD will need software and they will be paying \$50,000 for that. If communications end up being over \$135,000, we will have a special meeting.

Norwood Park Township has asked us for a big-ticket item, we maybe will be asking for communication balance if needed.

Commander Peistrup had a meeting with the Zoll representative regarding cardiac monitors.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated that everyone received their USB drives.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that the referendum is coming up, when going to doors people were very positive and not rude. Once the referendum is done, we will have a meeting.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba not present.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business**

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adopt and approve Ordinance #22-3, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Tentative Budget and Appropriation for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes, 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 Santoro to approve the purchase of inhouse alerting receivers/monitor system from Phoenix G2 at a cost not to exceed \$135,000.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 Finance Committee Minutes
- Approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 Policy Committee Minutes
- Approve the payment of \$271,409.09 for GEMT

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; absent, Trustee Kolaski; yes,  
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 Rybak to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

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Joanne Rybak  
Secretary

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Andrew Cichon  
President