

**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 March 2023 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; absent,  
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: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following minutes:

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on February 13, 2023.

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

Firefighter Hernandez is on pace to being a certified paramedic by mid-July.

Four firefighters are scheduled to go to FAE school in July hosted by our fire district and instructed by IFSI.

Paramedic students from ALGH have started their "ride time".

Tower 103 is at McQueen (in Aurora) for warranty work.

Ambulance 107 is in North Carolina undergoing "re-box".

Engine 101 is experiencing ignition issues; the crews are monitoring.

Spring cleaning will begin at the station.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the Chief's report for February 2023.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report:** Trustee Cichon stated there was nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
January 31, 2023

Assets

**Checking and money market accounts:**

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	509,900.22
Wintrust -MM #2776	745,223.72
Wintrust- Checking #9771	7,498.95
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,150,665.28
Wintrust- Medical #0599	10,492.49
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,775.63
Wintrust- FSA #0713	22, 84.69
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$2,448,340.98</u>

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

Belmont Bank (0.60%, 02/10/23)	704,854.48
Belmont Bank (0.40% 07/21/23)	591,228.28
Belmont Bank (0.50% 01/19/23)	409,367.65
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 1,705,450.41</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 4,153,791.39</u>

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the January's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$461,752.37 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for February 2023.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- There will be a meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated they had a meeting before today's board meeting. They discussed the plumbing issues, engine purchase, mold in basement, leaks in the roof, drains on the bay floor, and painting walls. Discussion.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there is nothing to report, don't forget to file your Economic Interest Statement.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated Norridge Kindness Day is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business**

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the purchase of a commemorative banner from the Village of Norridge to celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a cost of \$125.00.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the payout of elective sick time buyback to the following:

Leigh Unger 96 hours \$3,707.28

Total elective sick time buyback \$3,707.28.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the Pension Fund Tax Levy Actuarial Valuation by Lauterbach and Amen for :

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$3,300

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$3,430

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$3,570

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$3,710

(Norwood Park Pension Fund will pay for 50% of the cost).

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Kolaski; yes,  
Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,

Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; absent,  
Trustee Mezzano; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve Fire Pension Fund GASB 67/68 Actuarial Valuation by Lauterbach and Amen for :

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,730

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$2,840

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$2,950

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$3,070

(Norwood Park Pension Fund will pay for 50% of the cost).

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the preparation of GASB 74/75 (OPEB) Actuarial Valuation by Lauterbach and Amen for :

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023 at a cost of \$2,920

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$930

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$3,150

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$1,000

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

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Joanne Rybak  
Secretary

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Andrew Cichon  
President