

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED 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 15th day of May 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; 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 Skyba and seconded by Trustee Kolaski 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 to approve the following minutes:

1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on April 10, 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

Chiefs' Report:

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

The Chief reported that we have exceeded our call volume from last year at this time.

The referendum was needed due to the continued rise in call volume. We have also had several fires in the last few days.

Ambulance 107 is back from getting reboxed. The painting matches Tower 103.

Paramedic students have started their 24-hour shifts.
Physicals were completed and everyone passed.

We will discuss the Decennial Act later in the meeting. Specialty Districts must follow this Act.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the Chief's report for April 2023.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Cichon stated this is a busy meeting with the swearing in of our new firefighter and Trustee Massaro.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
April 30, 2023

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	534,999.91
Wintrust -MM #2776	2,237,689.05
Wintrust- Checking #9771	9,339.28
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,318,651.29
Wintrust- Medical #0599	9,863.49
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,107.16
Wintrust- FSA #0713	16,207.53
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$4,127,857.71</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (0.60%, 02/10/24)	707,378.52
Belmont Bank (2.35% 07/21/23)	594,625.01
Belmont Bank (0.50% 01/19/23)	414,079.53
Total certificates of deposit	<u>1,716,083.06</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$5,843,940.77</u>

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve April's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$547,275.57 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for April 2023.

Trustee Evans stated that we have received most of our property tax money. The largest expenses this month was the purchase of the ambulance and MABAS dues.

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 that they had a meeting and they will discuss it in Closed Session.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Mezzano stated that Ambulance 107 must get certified by IDPH and ALGH before going into service.
Tower 103 has warranty issues and is at Global. Ladder testing was completed, and Commander Davila will be testing the ground ladders.
The frontline engine has stalled a couple times on calls, it is being monitored.
The windows have been installed and duct cleaning has been completed.

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there is nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro would like to thank Firefighter Roberto Hernandez, Firefighter Frank Stec, and Paramedic Zully Delia for participating in Kindness Day, they taught people CPR and handed out Vial of Life envelopes.
Open House will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from noon-3pm. Trustee Rybak will work on getting the dogs.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Skyba stated that last week we did not have a quorum, so the meeting must be rescheduled. We are appointing a commissioner tonight.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Cichon to adopt and ratify the canvass of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District election, already performed by the Cook County Clerk, and declares Louis Mezzano and Richard Massaro have each been elected to serve a six-year term as Trustee of the District.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Swearing in of Firefighter Luke Solatka.

Swearing in of Trustee Richard Massaro.

Recognition of Trustee Andrew Skyba.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Skyba to adjourn sine die.

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

Recess at 6:48pm Returned from Recess at 7:15pm

New Board Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Chief Blondell; yes.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Section (2)(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act 9to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body).

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 7:16pm,

Returned from Closed Session at 7:59pm, no decisions made, no votes taken.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Cichon; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Evans; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Chief Blondell; yes.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Election of Officers:

Nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Cichon nominated Trustee Rybak. No other nominations

Motion by Trustee Cichon and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to elect Trustee Rybak as Secretary of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a two-year term.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Nominations for President of the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Mezzano nominated Trustee Cichon. No other nominations

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Santoro to elect Trustee Cichon as President of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a two-year term.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Nominations for Treasurer of the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Santoro nominated Trustee Evans. No other nominations

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to elect Trustee Evans as Treasurer of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a two-year term.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evans to adopt and approve Resolution #23-1, a Resolution confirming and declaring the election of District President Andrew Cichon, Secretary Joanne Rybak, and Treasurer Kathy Evans for the two-year term, commencing May 15, 2023.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evans to approve the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance Choice Options/PPO policy S506OPT, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Trustee Evans explained the this was discussed in the finance committee and there is a 1.05% savings with the most comparable plan. There is the possibility of more exposure to the District with Flex, but we need another year of data to make sure this was not an outlier. Discussion.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Cichon; yes,
Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,
Trustee Evans; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes, Trustee Massaro; yes.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Cichon to approve changing the group dental insurance to Standard PPO, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

The Chief stated that there is an 87% dentist crossover. There will be \$4,000 savings in two years, and they are honoring the carryover from Guardian.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Cichon; yes,
Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,
Trustee Evans; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes, Trustee Massaro; yes.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the life insurance renewal was tabled until renewal amounts are available.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Rybak to adopt and approve Ordinance #23-2, an Ordinance creating and authorizing a committee pursuant to and in compliance with the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Cichon; yes,
Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,
Trustee Evans; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes, Trustee Massaro; yes.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Evans to hire the next candidate from the eligibility list, per the recommendation of the Norwood Park Fire Board of Commissioners contingent upon the passing of all appropriate testing.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Cichon; yes,
Trustee Rybak; yes, Trustee Santoro; yes,
Trustee Evans; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes, Trustee Massaro; yes.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to reappoint Nick Fabian as Fire Commissioner of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District for a three-year term, from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2026.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Trustee Cichon to approve opening a Business Community Account at Wintrust Bank to facilitate ACH and Billpay.

The Chief stated that the Board of Trustees attended a seminar stating that the District should change from signing checks to electronic payments due to security concerns. All trustees will have the ability to view the ACHs that are completed. Discussion on signers and tokens.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the following:

- Ratify the payment of MABAS Division 20 in the amount of \$7,000 for dues.
- Ratify the payment to NORCOMM in the amount of \$6,048 to MABAS fee.
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on April 10, 2023.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Joanne Rybak
Secretary

Andrew Cichon
President