

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024, 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 Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,  
Trustee Palazzo; absent, Chief Blondell; yes.

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to appoint Trustee Kolaski as acting secretary.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Pawlowski.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Santoro to go into recess.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Went into recess at 6:34pm

Returned from recess at 6:57pm

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes  
Trustee Palazzo; absent, Chief Blondell; yes.

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

A motion was made by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Rybak 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: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

## **Public Hearing (Budget and Appropriations 2024-2025).**

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes  
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

- Approve the Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on July 8, 2024.
- Approve and keep closed the July 8, 2024, Board of Trustees' Closed Session Minutes.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes  
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

### **Chiefs' Report:**

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

The call volume has been about 4% less than last year at this point. Last year was our busiest year in the history of the department.

Staffing has been a big discussion at the fire department. We are working on processing a couple firefighter/paramedics. If we exhaust this list, we will have to run another test.

We will be sending an ambulance on August 21<sup>st</sup> with two paramedics to the DNC in Chicago. They will be there for 24 hours.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve the Chief's report for June 2024.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report:** Trustee Rybak stated she had nothing to report other than the Battle of the Badges planning seems to be going well. Discussion on some events.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
July 31, 2024

Assets

**Checking and money market accounts:**

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$220,990.87
Wintrust -MM #2776	3,585,421.88
Wintrust- Checking #9771	61,908.66
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	2,672,805.02
Wintrust- Medical #0599	5,374.80
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,184.83
Wintrust- FSA #0713	12,585.77
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	4,254.86
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$6,564,526.69</u>

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

Belmont Bank (5.15%, 02/10/25)	1,012,255.63
Belmont Bank (4.90% 07/21/24)	628,067.27
Belmont Bank (5.15% 01/19/25)	1,025,436.18
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$2,665,759.08</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$9,230,285.77</u>

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

- July's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$554,691.19.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for July 2024.

Trustee Santoro stated property tax money is coming in.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,  
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that we renewed a CD for 5% with Belmont Bank. Trustee Rybak asked for Deputy Chief Peistrup and Administrative Assistant Stec to be evaluated. They will need to plan for a meeting.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Wegrecki stated that the parking lot is on the agenda.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there was nothing to report but to bring in thumb drives to be updated.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro thanked everyone that was at National Night Out. Battle of the Badges plans are moving along.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated that it was a great year in stocks.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business**

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adopt and approve Ordinance #24-3, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Budget and Appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$10,920,946.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,  
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Award Recommendation for Asphalt Parking Lot Rehabilitation from Clark Dietz awarding the contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$145,000. Chief explained that we will be doing the asphalt and concrete work separately.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,  
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,  
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; absent,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,  
Trustee Palazzo; absent.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adjourn the meeting.  
AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

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Louis Mezzano  
Secretary

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Joanne Rybak  
President