

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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 8th day of April, 2014 at 7:01 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

 Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lymperopulos; yes,

 Trustee Romano; yes, Chief Stenson; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Szczurek 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

A motion was made by Trustee Lymperopulos and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the payment of all current disbursements in the amount of \$456,901.30.

Chief Stenson gave a breakdown on why the total monthly expenses were very high this month mainly due to a double payment for health insurance. This payment was delayed because of Blue Cross Blue Shield billing. There was \$39,000 for health insurance and \$6,000 for MABAS dues and a large payment to the third party insurance as a lot of employees are reaching their deductibles. Otherwise it would have been around \$400,000.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Romano; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,

 Trustee Lymperopulos; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

Trustee Skyba; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Romano to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 11th, 2014.

Roll Call: Trustee Martell; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Lymeropoulos; abstain, Trustee Skyba; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Strempek; yes,
Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 6 ABSTAIN: 1 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
March 31th, 2014

Assets

Checking and money market accounts (interest rate- APY):

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$5,325.62
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	1,500,566.34
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	184,875.38
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>1,651.69</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>1,692,419.03</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (0.65%, 09/02/14)	623,020.98
Belmont Bank and Trust (1.00% 08/23/14)	540,661.20
Plaza Bank (0.64% 07/17/14)	124,683.93
Plaza Bank (0.65% 09/18/14)	422,949.25
Plaza Bank (0.65% 12/23/14)	473,192.43
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/21/14)	516,895.36
Belmont Bank (1.00% 07/19/14)	<u>365,199.69</u>

Total certificates of deposit 3,066,602.84

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$ 4,759,021.87

Motion by Trustee Skyba, seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for March 2014.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,

 Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

 Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lymperopulos; yes,

 Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs Report:

All Trustees received a copy of the alarm report.

All Trustees received a copy of the inspection report along with the list of completed inspections for this month. Along with it is an explanation of each item on the report.

There were some questions last meeting on the stat sheet that we have used for years. We have redesigned it to make it easier to understand.

Firefighter Steven Henmueller was injured while lifting a stretcher on Sunday. He is following up with his Doctor on Thursday. We transported him to the ER and the doctor there thought he had a hernia and would need surgery. This will result in many days of overtime to cover minimum manning. I will let you know the progress after his doctor visit.

Last year I reported that we would try and switch our EMS system from Good Samaritan to Lutheran General. I met with the Medical Director from Lutheran General a couple of times and met with Good Samaritan Medical Director and requested the move. Good Samaritan was not happy but finally agreed to the move. This move has to be approved with the Fire Chief's in Lutheran Generals system. They will be meeting April 25th, 2014 and I hope to be approved at that time. If approved we will start the transition soon after.

Deputy Chief Kovalcik will be going to the instructor's conference in Indianapolis on Thursday. He will have Lt. Erlewein and Firefighter Davila with him. They will be doing research on a new Ambulance and

the leasing of the ambulance. They will try and find a show price on air bags. I will not be able to make the trip this year.

We had a building and equipment meeting last week and met with the representative from Midwest Air Pro. They are the competitors for the Plymovent system. In your packet there is a breakdown of the cost of the two systems. The committee has a recommendation to purchase the Nederman system and install it over a two year period so we can take advantage of the IPRF grant. We also discussed the purchase of air bags and the committee recommends that D/C Kovalcik tries to get a show price when he goes to the conference. We can discuss this when the motion comes up.

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to accept the Chief's Report for March 2014 as presented.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Martell stated we have nothing at this time. Trustee Martell asked where we are at with medical insurance and Broker firms. Discussion.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Szczurek stated there was a meeting and he will allow the Chief explain the information.

Technology and PR Media Committee- Chairman Strempek stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee- Chairman Skyba stated he has not heard from the attorney. Chief Stenson states that we have gathered information that has been sent to him.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated there is a meeting April 22nd at 7pm.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Lyemperopulos to approve the purchase of a 3 bag complete set of air bags including inflation hoses, dual controller and pressure regulator at a cost not to exceed \$4,036.00 plus shipping.

Chief explained that the air bags are going to be researched at when D/C Kovalcik is at FDIC to be able to compare and see the options that are available. Discussion on prices.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lyemperopulos; yes,
Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lyemperopulos and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the agreement with Midwest Air Pro Inc. for the Nederman Magna System to be installed and paid for in two phases; April 2014 phase 1 and March 2015 phase 2.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lyemperopulos; yes,
Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Strempek and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve Phase I purchase and installation of a vehicle exhaust extraction system from Midwest Air Pro Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$26,625.00, less the IPRF Grant of \$16,800.00, for a net cost of \$9,825.00.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,

Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lympelopulos; yes,

Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the destruction of Closed Session audio tapes from November 2011 up to November 2012.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lympelopulos; yes,
Trustee Romano; abstain.

AYES: 6 ABSTAIN: 1 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Strempek and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, possible litigation and the possible release of Closed Session minutes from June 2012 through October 2013.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,
Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lympelopulos; yes,
Trustee Romano; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 7:32PM

Returned from Closed Session 7:35PM all Trustees present, not releasing Closed Session minutes at this time.

Motion was made by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Skyba to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Andrew Skyba
Secretary

Douglass Strempek
President