

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 at 7:00 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 Lympelopulos; yes,  
  
                                  Trustee Romano; absent, Attorney Shawn Flaherty; yes,  
  
                                  Chief Stenson; yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing on the Norwood Park Fire Protection District's 2014-2015 Budget and Appropriation.

The budget was available for inspection; there were no comments from the public.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to adjourn the Public Hearing.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The pledge was said at the start of the regular meeting.

**COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE (Public Participation)**

A motion was made by Trustee Strempek 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: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the payment of all current disbursements in the amount of \$402,812.72.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Assets

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

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$1,500.83
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	685,452.25
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	430,598.31
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>2,133.90</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>1,119,685.29</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (0.65%, 09/02/14)	624,032.29
Belmont Bank and Trust (1.00% 08/23/14)	541,974.25
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/05/16)	125,082.43
Plaza Bank (0.65% 09/18/14)	423,635.79
Plaza Bank (0.65% 12/23/14)	473,960.53
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/21/14)	518,150.69
Belmont Bank (.996% 07/19/16)	<u>367,005.66</u>

Total certificates of deposit 3,073,841.64

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$ 4,193,526.93

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

Renewed 2 CD's. We were able to get 1% for 2 years CD's. Discussion.

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

AYES: 6 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.

The repairs the architect requested are on the agenda. The tuckpointer (Felber) met with the architect a couple of weeks ago to go over his recommendations. Felber had given us a quote on the work he thought needed to be done. His original price was \$9,000 but the architect wants him to do much more along with taking down some brick and block and rebuilding part of the wall. He was going to seal the exposed walls with one coat of Tamoseal, but it needs two coats. The cost has risen to \$14,000 and this does not include the roof. The concrete work needs to be done separately before the roof work needs to be done. Felber had two roofers come out to give their opinion and they both thought the roof should be reroofed soon. Their quotes were around \$30,000 to put a torch down roof but it doesn't need to be done right away.

Our Engine remains in the shop, the accident occurred on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We are told that every time they put the body back on the frame it is off by ¼ inch. They assure us that it will be 100% when we get it back and we have nothing to worry about. I am staying on top of it and I will let you know when I know. After it gets back from the frame shop it still has to go back to the body shop for a few minor things. The court case has had two court dates up to this point both ending in continuances. DC Kovalcik and I attended both hearings but we were told this could drag on for a while and they would let us know if they wanted us to attend.

The defibrillator is on the agenda, I worked with Shawn, Tom Lupo and John Spina their attorney on the intergovernmental agreement. The Township will be invoiced directly so we don't have to worry about our budget. Delivery time is 60 to 90 days.

We will be trading in our 2005 International Ambulance for \$15,000. Our last two units we got rid of we received \$10,000 and \$20,000. We will be using the unit in reserve until the new one is ready in 7-8 months.

Our annual open house is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark it on your calendar, hope everybody can make it.

Speaker phone, they came out today, they would need to run analog lines to each conference room in order for it to work. We asked them to look into a speaker phone that we can use with the data phone and get us a price.

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Skyba to accept the Chief's Report for July 2014 as presented.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**President Report:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Flaherty discussed the new bidding law that passed effective January 1, 2015. Any supplies, material or work over \$20,000 will need to go to a formal bidding process. Discussion.

The policies should be taken a chapter at a time since it is such a large document. You would adopt it all at once at the end. The union will get to look at the Rules and Regulations before they are adopted.

Pension Senate Bill is in the courts and looks like it will be struck down.

Trustee Martell asked if our previous policies will become null and void once we pass the new ones. Attorney Flaherty stated the goal was to include all of the old policies into the new document. If there is something that needs to be changed or added later it can be done very easily .

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Trustee Martell stated that they met to go over the Budget & Appropriation and went line by line and they agreed with everything. Discussed the options for the purchase of the new ambulance and possibly financing it, the recommendation is to pay cash.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Szczurek stated that they discussed the building issues earlier and as time goes on will be discussing equipment.

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

Policy Committee- Trustee Skyba stated that they will be reviewing the policies.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated the board met and the fund had solid performance. Discussed doing a funding study, there was a general agreement that they would pay what they normally would for the actuarial and the District would pay for the rest.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Trustee Lympelopulos would like to entertain the thought of changing the meeting date from Tuesday's to Monday's. He is involved with Vietnam Veterans organization that meets at the same day and time as this board and would like to do both. Discussion. Trustee Martell asked for it to be a half hour later if we are going to move it. The Chief said that nothing can be done until the New Year because it had been posted in the paper. Everyone would like to have a month to think about it, but more are finding Wednesday's more convenient.

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Martell to adopt and approve Ordinance #14-2, the Norwood Park Fire Protection district Budget and Appropriation for fiscal year 2014-2015.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to adopt and approve Resolution #14-5, A Resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental Agreement with the Norwood Park Township.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to adopt and approve Resolution #14-6, A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus vehicles.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lymperopulos and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford E450 Chassis on a custom Horton Conversion per Norwood Park Specifications and SPC/NWMC Contract #133, including one (1) Ferno 93H Pro Flex Cot from Foster Coach Sales at a cost of \$154,301.00. Price includes the trade in of the 2005 International and a Performance Bond.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to approve the purchase of a Zoll X Series Monitor/Defibrillator including all accessories from Zoll Medical Corporation, at a cost of \$30,049.35.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the change in life insurance policies from Principal Insurance and Trustmark Insurance to The Standard Insurance Company effective August 1, 2014.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos to approve the proposal from T&M Electric Company at a cost of \$3,600.00, which includes the installation, labor and materials for the lighting project on the west side and rear of building.

Chief Stenson explained the proposal per Trustees Martell's request.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos to approve Felber's Tuckpointing Company to do repairs on the addition roof recommended by the structural Engineer for a cost of \$14,000.00.

Trustee Martell asked about the roof and how long we can wait on the repair.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED



Motion to go into Closed Session was tabled.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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Andrew Skyba  
Secretary

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Douglass Strempek  
President