

**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 9th day of December, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, Illinois, 60706 to hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance #14-5, the Tax Levy for 2014.

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; yes, Chief Stenson; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Truth in taxation hearing was opened to the public.

No comments from the public.

Motion by Trustee Skyba, seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos to adjourn the Public Hearing.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

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

Motion by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Strempek to pass and approve Ordinance #14-5, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District 2014 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Lympelopulos and seconded by Trustee Romano to pass and approve Ordinance #14-6, an Ordinance giving Cook County Clerk direction related to the 2014 Tax Levy.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the payment of all current disbursements in the amount of \$425,453.00.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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

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

AYES: 6 ABSTAIN: 1 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on November 11th, 2014.

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

AYES: 6 ABSTAIN: 1 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
November 30th, 2014

Assets

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

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$6,197.84
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	172,531.72
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	676,806.91
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>506.63</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>856,043.10</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Plaza Bank (0.65%, 03/02/16)	626,048.80
Belmont Bank and Trust (1.00% 08/23/16)	544,698.88
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/05/16)	125,396.45
Plaza Bank (0.65% 03/18/16)	424,323.45
Plaza Bank (0.65% 12/23/14)	474,729.87
Belmont Bank (1.00% 08/21/16)	520,755.56
Belmont Bank (.996% 07/19/16)	<u>367,927.02</u>

Total certificates of deposit 3,083,880.03

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$ 3,939,923.13

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

Trustee Martell stated the reason we are doing the Truth in Taxation is to pick up the new growth in the EAV. The CD that is maturing will need to be rolled into the money market account. Trustee Martell stated that overall we are in a good spot financially.

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

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.

Recently we sold five iPhone 5s through Craigslist for \$1,225. These were replaced with new iPhone 6s which we paid \$1,000 for. Verizon wanted to give us \$900 for all five but we decided to try and get more.

On the agenda there is an ordinance for spiller pays. The Division was reviewing everybody's policy and found that ours needed to be updated. I contacted Shawn and he reviewed what we had and advised that it did need to be updated. This allows us to collect any damages or clean up from anybody who has a hazmat spill. We still need to publish this ordinance once it passes.

On the agenda is the purchase policy which Shawn said had to change due to the new law starting on January 1st, 2015. He advised us that we could still purchase from the Northwest Municipal Group.

The Pension funding study is on the agenda, the pension fund will pay \$1,700 toward the total invoice which is what they pay annually for their report.

I sent everybody three policies for our property and casualty insurance. I included a spreadsheet in your packets. We contacted three Fire Protection Districts who currently use Selective Insurance which is the lowest bid. Two of the three have had big claims and spoke very highly of the company, the other is very happy but did not have many claims. By choosing Selective we would be saving almost \$9,000 or by choosing ESIP we would be saving \$6,000 over staying with VFIS. The broker for Selective would be Corkill Insurance Agency which I have met with a couple of times. We can also use the broker for our Workers Compensation which would be much better than who we currently have. We should have received our renewal from Workers Compensation in November but I have yet to hear from our current company. There have been some changes with the IPRF grant that we were not aware of and Mesirow should have alerted us. If you have any questions, I can answer when the motion comes up.

The annual maintenance is still ongoing with our apparatus. I reported the problems with our Truck that are being repaired (air compressor, exhaust system, front springs, replace pump panel etc.). Once the Truck comes back we will send our 2012 Engine back to the frame shop to see if they can straighten it out, then it will have to go in for its annual maintenance.

Lt. Koszczuk is cleared to come back to work from his injury on December 15th. Firefighter Nagrocki is scheduled to see a Workers Compensation doctor on December 11th. He is scheduled for his procedure on December 18th if approved by Workers Compensation.

Commissioner Jerome Kolaski reported about the Lieutenant's exam will be held in December 2015.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Martell stated they met last week and discussed the Tax Levy.

Building and Equipment Committee- Chairman Szczurek stated there is nothing to report at this time.

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

Policy Committee- Trustee Skyba stated that Chapter three of the Rules and Regulations are still being reviewed.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated that Trustee Jarosz and he missed the last Pension meeting but they seem to be on the right track. Discussion on the Pension Fund study. Discussed how the District has to pay such a high amount on the pension. Firemen pay 9.455% of their salary, but the District is paying \$931,000 on two million dollar payroll due to the unfunded liability.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Martell to pass and approve Ordinance #14-7, the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Spiller Pays Ordinance.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Jarosz to pass and approve the Norwood Park Fire Protection District's Purchasing /Bidding Policy.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the payment of \$19,911.04 to the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Board.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, 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 Martell and seconded by Trustee Romano to approve the payout of sick time buyback to the following:

Randy Davis- 273 hours \$7,822.80

Total sick time buyback: \$7,822.80

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, 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 Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve a Pension Funding Study through Lauterbach and Amen at a total cost not to exceed \$8,250. Norwood Park Firemen's Pension Fund will pay \$1,700, cost to District not to exceed \$6,550.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, 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 Skyba and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the Norwood Park Fire Protection District's Property and Casualty Policy through Selective Insurance/Corkill Insurance Agency at a cost of \$32,495.00.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Jarosz left at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos to approve the transfer of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Worker's Compensation Insurance Agency from Mesirow to Corkill Insurance Agency.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

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

AYES: 7 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 7:42 PM

Trustee Skyba left Closed Session at 8:40 PM

Returned from Closed Session at 8:49 PM. No votes taken. All Trustees present with the exception of Trustee Jarosz and Trustee Skyba.

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

AYES: 5 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Andrew Skyba
Secretary

Douglass Strempek
President