

**MINUTES OF THE 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 at 7:03 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, Chief Stenson; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Presentation- Award of Valor Honoring: Commander David Blondell, Lieutenant Claude Erlewein, Firefighter Rich Appelhans, Firefighter Randy Davis, Firefighter Leigh Unger, Firefighter Stephen Swank, Paramedic Kurt Seiler, Paramedic Dave Sanchez, Paramedic Dave Pawlowski, Paramedic Chad Martin, Norridge Police Corporal Vaughan Watts, Police Corporal Nicolas Rice Police Officer Zeljka Ljubicic, Police Officer Paul Malicki, , Police Officer Christopher Smith, Police Officer Zachary Zage, Harwood Heights Police Sergeant Joseph Nardulli, Police Officer Matthew Graber, Police Office Natalie Romano, Police Officer Ryan Swartzendruber.

State Representative Rob Martwick, State Representative Michael McAuliffe and State Senator John Munroe presented Resolutions in their honor.

Recess at 7:45 p.m.

Returned from recess at 8:05 p.m.

**COMMUNICATION WITH AUDIENCE** (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Lympelopulos 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 Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the payment of all current disbursements in the amount of \$484,534.52.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Szczurek and seconded by Trustee Skyba to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Jarosz; abstain, 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 Martell to approve the minutes of the Closed Session meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Schedule of Assets  
(Arising from Cash Transactions)  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Assets

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

Plaza Bank checking #4303503 (0.046%)	\$4,490.97
Plaza Bank money market #4303498 (0.295%)	57,166.96
Plaza Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 (0.295%)	474,711.76
Plaza Bank-Medical #1003102	<u>2,133.90</u>
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>538,503.59</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)	425,004.74
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 2,609,831.45

Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit \$ 3,148,335.04

Motion by Trustee Skyba, seconded by Trustee Szczurek to approve the Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for January 2015.

Discussion on CD's and the rates.

Roll Call: Trustee Skyba; yes, Trustee Martell; yes,  
Trustee Jarosz; yes, Trustee Szczurek; yes,  
Trustee Strempek; yes, Trustee Lymperopoulos; 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 new command car went in service today. Everything was completed today and all equipment switched over. The only thing left to do is change the graphics on the old car from Command to Fire Prevention and change the number from 111 to 107. That will be done later this week.

Last Friday at 11am our only Engine broke down on Oketo. The high pressure oil pump line failed. It had to be towed to Inland Detroit in Carol Stream for repair. We are waiting to find out if it was part of the work that was done in November. We then contacted Van Eck who had just completed the frame work on our newest Engine from the accident. They claim that the frame shop completed the work and they believe they found the problem and completed the repair.

Of the \$484,000 in disbursements for the month our annual liability insurance was included for \$32,000, Global repairs to Truck 104 for \$18,554, sick time buyback for \$22,545 and overtime for \$13,326.

For the policy committee, we will have chapter 4 done by the end of the week. We are just waiting for the Association to complete their review. We will then deliver it to the committee members. Chapter 5 and 6 are small and will be done by the end of February. I will then forward that onto the committee. Once I receive the approval from the committee I will send it to the attorney and put it on the agenda for approval.

The Association would like to replace the bunker gear lockers. The current lockers are the original ones we installed when we moved in this building in 1988. They will be purchasing these out of the 2% fund. They have been getting prices and the cost should be around \$12,000

I talked with Gary Kosnoff from Linden Group and he is willing to come out and go over the ACA. He will also look at any possibilities of moving to an HSA or any other options we might have. We could have him at the board meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> and have the association members attend or have a special meeting and invite the association members.

One of our Fireman Stephen Swank will be graduating from paramedic school on Thursday. He did very well and is one of the top students in his class. Deputy Chief Kovalcik and I will be attending the graduation.

Deputy Chief Kovalcik has found a training prop he would like to get. I will let him explain.

Deputy Chief Kovalcik explained the SCBA confidence maze trailer and what is involved in making this a new prop for the District to use for training. Additional information will be presented next meeting.

Motion by Trustee Jarosz and seconded by Trustee Martell to accept the Chief's Report for January 2015 as presented.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**President Report:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Trustee Martell stated that property tax revenue will be coming in soon.

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 there is nothing at this time.

Pension Fund- Trustee Martell stated there was a meeting at the end of January. Actuarial assumption from Lauterbach was about \$999,500 and the States actuarial assumption is 1 million 27 thousand. The minimum amount that we are responsible for is \$4,200 more than last year. Trustee Martell states that the fund did well last year.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Motion by Trustee Martell and seconded by Trustee Strempek to approve the payout of elective sick time buyback to the following:

John Kovalcik	48 hours	\$2,832.00
Leigh Unger	144 hours	\$4,480.56
Jeff Peistrup	120 hours	\$3,853.44
Steve Henmueller	144 hours	\$4,488.48
Joey Irsuto	50 hours	\$1,590.64
Paul Kossifologos	144 hours	\$4,447.44

Total elective buyback \$21,692.56

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Skyba and seconded by Trustee Szczurek to go into Closed Session to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)), The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 8:45 PM

Returned from Closed Session at 9:39 PM. No votes taken. All Trustees present with the exception of Trustee Romano.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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Andrew Skyba  
Secretary

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Douglass Strempek  
President