

**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 13th day of May 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; absent, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes, Chief Blondell; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

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: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR CONCRETE/ASPHALT

Alamp Concrete- \$174,000 asphalt, no bid on concrete

Chicagoland Paving Contractors- \$160,000 asphalt, no bid on concrete

Kaplan Paving-\$152,058 asphalt, \$83,219 Concrete apron without heat, \$155,119 with heat

Schroeder Asphalt Services- \$176,349 asphalt, no bid on concrete

Troch McNeil Paving Company- \$180,000 asphalt, \$464,000 heated concrete

Motion by Trustee Massaro and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to table action on the bids for a determination by staff and/or consultant as to the compliance with specifications.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the following minutes:
Approve the Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on April 8, 2024.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

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

Firefighter O'Leary resigned for personal reasons.

I/O Solutions has all applications for entry level firefighters. The written exam is on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the firehouse. We should have a new list by July 23, 2024.

The order has been placed for the new front-line ambulance.

Engine 101 has been in and out of the repair shop. There are "cold start" issues that continue to be unresolved.

Bay 1 door was malfunctioning, and the repairs have begun.

There is also a water leak from the apparatus fill hose connection that will be getting repaired.

Motion by Trustee Palazzo seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for March 2024.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Rybak stated they will discuss the CBA and Commissioner's position in Closed Session.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
April 30, 2024

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	176,115.97
Wintrust -MM #2776	3,609,048.07
Wintrust- Checking #9771	66,704.73
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	2,222,504.94

Wintrust- Medical #0599	7,514.54
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,168.82
Wintrust- FSA #0713	16,675.39
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	3,547.85
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$6,103,280.31</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (5.15%, 02/10/25)	1,000,000.00
Belmont Bank (4.90% 07/21/24)	620,473.37
Belmont Bank (5.15% 01/19/25)	1,012,436.77
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$2,632,910.14</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$8,736,190.45</u>

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

- April's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$470,442.86.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for April 2024.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Nothing to report.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Wegrecki stated there is nothing to report.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there is nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Rybak stated that the dogs are confirmed for Open House.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated they met last Thursday. Jeff Peistrup was reelected as president for 3-year term. Stephen Swank was reelected as secretary for a 3-year term. The Pension levy amount required is around \$1.9 million.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve the renewal for group medical insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance Choice Options/PPO policy S506OPT, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,

Trustee Santoro; absent, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the renewal for group dental insurance with The Standard PPO, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to the life insurance renewal with The Standard, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Massaro to approve the purchase of two SMART interactive 65-inch flat panels, including mount and extended warranty through COTG at a cost of \$11,732.00.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Wegrecki and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to approve the consent agenda:

- Accept the resignation of Firefighter Tieg O'Leary on April 18, 2024.
- Approve the minutes from the Building and Equipment Committee meeting dated April 4, 2024.
- Ratify the following payments:
 - o Air One in the amount of \$7,648.80, for bunker gear.
 - o Chase Card Services in the amount of \$6,873.84 for IT for 3 months, Chief meeting, and ALGH meeting.
 - o NORCOMM Public Safety in the amount of \$6,8411.00 for MABAS service fees.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meeting Act. Collective Negotiation matters between the public body and its employees; and/or Section (2)(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Went into Closed Session at 7:08pm.

Returned from Closed Session at 7:48pm.

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

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to approve the appointment of Brad Virgils as Fire Commissioner of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District for a three-year term, from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2027.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Rybak to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President