

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED 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 6th day of November 2023, 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; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; absent, Trustee Wegrecki; 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 Mezzano 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: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following minutes:

- 1- Approve the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on October 16, 2023.
- 2- Approve and keep closed the October 16, 2023, Board of Trustees' Closed Session Meeting minutes.

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

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

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

Chief stated it has been 3 weeks since the last meeting so there is not much to report.

Call volume is up 8% from last year at this time.

We are anticipating a 7% increase over last year, which was the busiest year in the history of the department. We should end up at about 4300-4400 calls for 2023.

Audit field work is ending. The trustees should have returned their questionnaire.

Firefighter Pappas is quarter of the way done with Paramedic School and Firefighter Kieras is at the half way point in the Fire Academy.

We have had to postpone the Seagrave Engine bid. We should hear something soon.

Motion by Trustee Kolaski seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the Chief's report for October 2023.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Rybak stated that she should like to move the motion to fill the Trustee vacancy.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to appoint Sabastian (Sam) Palazzo to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees until such time as his/her successor is duly elected and qualified.

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

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Swearing in of Trustee Palazzo.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to go into recess at 6:37pm.

AYES: 5 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Returned from recess at 6:48pm.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
October 31, 2023

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	641,717.04
Wintrust -MM #2776	475,105.60
Wintrust- Checking #9771	14,582.52
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	1,563,395.03
Wintrust- Medical #0599	9,470.85
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,137.65
Wintrust- FSA #0713	8,516.26
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	9,925.30
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$ 2,723,850.25</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (4.75%, 02/10/24)	724,122.36
Belmont Bank (4.90% 07/21/24)	605,479.47
Belmont Bank (4.75% 01/19/24)	423,827.33
Total certificates of deposit	
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 1,753,429.16</u>

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Wegrecki to approve October accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$521,906.94 and the Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for October 2023.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated that there will be CDs maturing in January.

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

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated there needs to be a committee meeting regarding some changes needed to the policy.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated the Christmas party is December 2nd. Trustee Mezzano stated that the park has approved the Battle of the Badges to be held in July or August. There are some things being worked on, discussion.

Pension Fund Member & Commissioner Oversight- Trustee Massaro was not present.
Next meeting is November 14th at 6:30pm.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Election of Officers:

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to elect Louis Mezzano as Secretary of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees until such time his/her successor is duly elected and qualified.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Santoro to elect Joanne Rybak as President of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees until such time his/her successor is duly elected and qualified.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to elect Gina Santoro as Treasurer of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees until such time his/her successor is duly elected and qualified.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Wegrecki to adopt and approve Resolution #23-4, A Resolution confirming and declaring the election of District President Joanne Rybak, Secretary Louis Mezzano, and Treasurer Gina Santoro, commencing October 6, 2023.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the committee appointment as presented by the President.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Appointments:

Finance Committee

Trustee Santoro- Chair
Trustee Mezzano
Trustee Rybak

Policy Committee

Trustee Kolaski-Chair
Trustee Massaro
Trustee Palazzo

Community Relations Committee

Trustee Santoro- Chair
Trustee Wegrecki
Trustee Mezzano

Building & Equipment Committee

Trustee Wegrecki- Chair
Trustee Palazzo
Trustee Kolaski

**Pension Fund Board Member
& Commissioner Oversight**

Trustee Massaro- Chair
Trustee Palazzo

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Minutes from the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act Meeting held on October 16, 2023.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Santoro to adjourn the meeting.
AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President