

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 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; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,  
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; absent,  
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 Palazzo 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

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

- Approve the Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes held on September 9, 2024.
- Approve and keep closed the September 9, 2024, Board of Trustees' Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

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

We are currently processing two candidates for entry level firefighter.

Tower 103 is in the shop for warranty work.

Open House and the Flu Shot program were both a great success.

Motion by Trustee Rybak seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for September 2024.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**President's Report:** Trustee Rybak stated there was nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Assets

**Checking and money market accounts:**

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$257,232.43
Wintrust -MM #2776	3,736,014.01
Wintrust- Checking #9771	55,934.43
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	2,790,913.14
Wintrust- Medical #0599	7,493.09
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,195.35
Wintrust- FSA #0713	11,302.87
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	20,826.68
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$6,880,912.00</u>

**Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):**

Belmont Bank (5.15%, 02/10/25)	1,025,395.54
Belmont Bank (4.90% 07/21/25)	628,067.27
Belmont Bank (5.15% 01/19/25)	1,025,436.18
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$2,678,898.99</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$9,559,810.99</u>

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

- September's accounts payable expenditures in the amount of \$512,707.35.
- The Treasurer's Report as presented from the Financial Statements for September 2024.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated there is nothing to report.

Building and Equipment Committee-Trustee Wegrecki discussed the Day Room remodel.

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

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated there was nothing to report.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated there was nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business**

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve Deputy Chief Jeffrey Peistrup' s contract effective October 16, 2024.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

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

- Approve the payment of \$45,343.50 to the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.
- Ratify the payment to Target Solutions Learning LLC in the amount of \$10,721.07.

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

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

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Louis Mezzano  
Secretary

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Joanne Rybak  
President