

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District regular monthly meeting was held at Station One located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois, 60561 on December 19, 2007.

**Members present:**

Mr. Robert Klein, President  
Mr. George Nelson, Secretary  
Mr. Thomas Cameli, Treasurer  
Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee  
Chief Wayne Messenger  
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Recording Secretary

Workshop called to order at 6:18 p.m. Roll call: Sharon Cattaneo absent, Thomas Cameli present, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

At 6:30 p.m., President Klein called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Kathy Trapp was the recording secretary. Roll Call: Sharon Cattaneo absent, Thomas Cameli present, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

President Klein introduced Mr. Zachary Lawrence, President of the Board of Trustees for the Lisle-Woodridge Fire district who was in attendance at the meeting.

**Reading of Minutes:**

President Klein requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 28, 2007 regular business meeting and approve them as written. Frank Burns so moved. Thomas Cameli seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Trustee Cameli read the November Treasurer's Report that included vendors and payroll. President Klein requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. George Nelson so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes 0 nays 1 absent Approved.

President Klein requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$498,158. Frank Burns so moved. George Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent Approved

**Attorney's Report:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

- A. **DWFD/LWFD Functional Consolidation Meetings:** Chief Messenger advised there was a meeting on Friday, December 14, 2007 with two trustee representatives from Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and Darien-Woodridge Fire District along with the chiefs and union leaders. Trustee Cameli reported that this was the initial trustee meeting. If the reason for the consolidation is to save money, it needs to be demonstrated with facts. At this time it is not known whether savings can be demonstrated. It is questionable as to if it could happen given concerns from the union and management. The conclusion was that three areas where we may have some potential cost savings would be in-

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vestigated, and those would be EMS billing, fire prevention and training. The chiefs agreed to prepare information regarding those three areas.

President Klein asked if Mr. Lawrence from Lisle-Woodridge FPD if he would like to speak. Mr. Lawrence stated that the discussions between the two districts started out with good intentions. The meeting identified short-term and long-term goals. He stated that full merger/consolidation is a misnomer. Lisle-Woodridge FPD saw what Darien-Woodridge FPD did with Southwest United Fire Districts with regard to training and maintenance. They would like us to consider having them join SUFD. They also feel that money could be saved by combining the fire prevention bureaus. He agreed that the numbers will indicate what to do. This is a germ of an idea that warrants further investigation. Full merger/consolidation at this time is too soon in the process by years.

Richard Sanborn, President of Darien-Woodridge Firefighters Local 4347 advised that the figures would be compiled. Much headway had been made at their meeting the morning of December 19, 2007. Further work would be done when the representatives reconvene after the holidays.

Mr. Lawrence invited the trustees to attend the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District trustee meetings.

At 7:52 p.m. President Klein opened the meeting for a public hearing for compliance in truth in taxation. Attorney Broida summarized the Notice to Propose Property Tax Increase for Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District published in the Liberty Suburban Newspaper, and then gave a word of explanation. President Klein opened the floor to public comments. There were no telephone calls or correspondence regarding this matter. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting ensued.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

**New Business:**

**A. Consideration of Ordinance 07-0-5. Annual Tax Levy Ordinance** - President Klein requested a motion to approve Ordinance 07-0-5, Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. Frank Burns so moved. Thomas Cameli seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent Approved

**B. Resolution 07-R-2 Giving Instructions to County Clerk** - President Klein requested a motion to approve Resolution 07-R-2 Giving Instructions to County Clerk. Thomas Cameli so moved. George Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent Approved

**Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence. President Klein reminded the trustees of the upcoming Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts' upcoming conference. The trustees agreed that the district would pay for the conference classes and anything else would be at the individual trustee's expense.

**Chief Administrator's Report:**

Acting Chief Administrator Messenger gave highlights from his report.

It was noted that Wal\*Mart called and requested the District's assistance in helping needy families in the area. On December 15, 2007, 13 off-duty personnel joined Wal\*Mart in helping 10 needy families. The district provided breakfast, took the families to the store and shopped with them. Everyone came back to the firehouse for a wrapping party. Wal\*Mart provided a \$1,500 grant which funded this event for the families' use.

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**Board of Fire Commissioners Report:**

In early November Commissioners McGill and Cryer attended the annual Police & Fire Commissioners conference. The commissioners interviewed candidates for an open firefighter position and hired Brian Skopec. The Darien-Woodridge eligibility list for full-time firefighter candidates is due to expire in December, 2008, therefore, the commissioners will be working on the testing process.

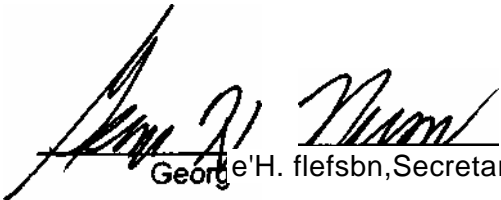
**Public Comment:**

None

President Klein requested a motion to recess to closed session to discuss personnel issues. Frank Burns so moved. Thomas Cameli seconded. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Thomas Cameli aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent Approved. President Klein advised there would be no action taken after the closed session. Meeting recessed at 7:28 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:06 p.m. President Klein called the regular meeting to order. Roll Call: Frank Burns, present; George Nelson, present; Robert Klein, present; Sharon Cattaneo, absent, Thomas Cameli present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Thomas Cameli moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
George H. Nelson, Secretary