

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District was held at Station One located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois on December 16, 2009.

Members present:

Mr. Robert Klein, President	Chief Wayne Messenger
Mr. James Palatine, Trustee	Bureau Director Robert Morris
Mr. Frank Burns, Treasurer	Mr. Ronald J. Broida, Attorney
Mr. George Nelson, Secretary	Ms. Kathy Trapp, Recording Secretary
Ms. Sharon Cattaneo, Trustee	

Workshop called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present, Sharon Cattaneo present, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

At 6:35 p.m. President Klein called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: James Palatine present, Sharon Cattaneo present, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes:

President Klein requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting and approve them as written. James Palatine so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo abstain, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention. Approved.

President Klein requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 4, 2009 and approve them as written. George Nelson so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine abstain, Sharon Cattaneo abstain, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Frank Burns read the November Treasurer's Report which included vendors and payroll. President Klein requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. James Palatine so moved. Robert Klein seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 5 ayes 0 nays. Approved

President Klein requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$450,772. George Nelson so moved. James Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 5 ayes 0 nays. Approved

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Broida commented that the legal health of the District is very good. All is in order, and the District had no lawsuits during 2009.

Old Business:

- A. Evaluation of the Board and Fire Chief/Administrator – Trustee Klein suggested that the board work with the current draft of the evaluation and plan to evaluate the chief of April 1, 2010. The draft is subject to change and improvements.
- B. Discussion of Co-Habiting Station 2 with Downers Grove Fire Department – The Joint Operations Committee met on December 8, 2009. In attendance were representatives of both departments and union locals. The committee is still gathering data. The Downers Grove Fire Department members are receiving questions from the Village Board and the Union local to make sure response times fall within the parameters they have set. The discussions are ongoing.

New Business

- A. Presentation of Pension Fund Municipal Compliance Report – Chief Messenger presented the Pension Fund Municipal Compliance Report to the Board. The Pension Board is required to present this report to the Board prior to passing the tax levy ordinance. Chief Messenger gave an overview of the report.
- B. Ordinance 09-0-4 – Tax Levy Ordinance – Attorney Broida discussed the tax levy ordinance and indicated for the first time the District has not had a Truth-In-Taxation hearing (which is only required if the proposed tax levy is over 5 percent). This ordinance does not exceed 5 percent; therefore, no hearing was necessary. President Klein requested a motion to approve Ordinance 09-0-4 Tax Levy Ordinance. Frank Burns so moved. James Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 5 ayes 0 nays. Approved
- C. Resolution 09-R-4 – Giving Instructions to the County Clerk – President Klein requested a motion to approve Resolution 09-R-4. James Palatine so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 5 ayes 0 nays. Approved
- D. Revoke Resolution 09-R-3 Approving Worker’s Comp Agreement - Chief Messenger advised that the District had decided to change worker’s comp insurance companies to Illinois Public Employers’ Plan. This new company was unable to get enough fire districts to join to make it cost effective. Therefore, the District decided to stay with Illinois Public Risk Fund.

Correspondence

Overview by Chief Messenger. Deputy Chief Lambright advised that he has been in contact with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey regarding their World Trade Center Artifacts Program. In his letter D/C Lambright requested an artifact from the World Trade Center to display at Darien-Woodridge. D/C Lambright noted that his request had been approved, and the District will be a recipient of an artifact. The Port Authority indicated it may take several weeks or more for the artifact to arrive.

Chief Administrator’s Report

Chief Messenger gave highlights of his report.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report

No report.

Public Comment

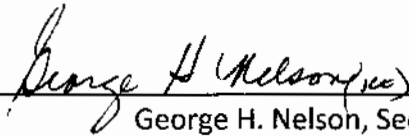
No public comment.

Closed Session

President Klein requested a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. James Palatine so moved. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 5 ayes 0 nays. Approved

The regular meeting of the board of trustees reconvened at 7:41p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present, Sharon Cattaneo present, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

There being no further business to discuss, President Klein requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Burns so moved. James Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


George H. Nelson, Secretary