

**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 July 16, 2008.

**Members present:**

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

Workshop called to order at 6:15 p.m. Roll call: Sharon Cattaneo present, Thomas Cameli absent, 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 present, Thomas Cameli absent, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

President Klein requested a motion to elect a treasurer pro tem in Treasurer Cameli's absence. George Nelson moved to elect Frank Burns secretary pro tem.. Sharon Cattaneo seconded. Roll call vote: Sharon Cattaneo, aye; Frank Burns, aye; Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Approved.

**Reading of Minutes:**

President Klein requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 18, 2008 regular business meeting and approve them as written. Frank Burns so moved. Sharon Cattaneo seconded. Roll call vote: Sharon Cattaneo, aye; Frank Burns, aye; Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Pro Tem Burns read the June 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. Sharon Cattaneo seconded. Roll call vote: Sharon Cattaneo, aye; Frank Burns, aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Approved

President Klein requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$718,760. Sharon Cattaneo so moved. George Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: Sharon Cattaneo, aye; Frank Burns, aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays Approved

**Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Broida advised that he is working on the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance. He stated there would be a public hearing at the August 20, 2008 meeting regarding the ordinance.

**Old Business:**

A. Fire Alarm Monitoring – no report

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- B. Consider Potential Referendum** – Attorney Broida reported that he investigated whether or not there was a statutory change so that the wording on a tax referendum could be offered for a specified purpose. He felt he did find it and read a paraphrased sample referendum question. Mr. Broida also indicated he would recheck his sources to ensure the question could be worded in a clearer way. If the board were to approve putting a question to the voters, paperwork must be received by the DuPage County Board of Elections by September 2, 2008. This, in turn, means that an ordinance approving the referendum must be passed at the August 20, 2008 trustee meeting.

If the district were to put a referendum on the November ballot, it would be for the specific purpose of reinstating the ambulance and personnel to run it that was previously shut down at Station 3. Trustee Burns stated that the board would need to know the costs involved with this scenario. The board agreed that further research would be done.

**New Business:** - none

**Correspondence:**

Chief Messenger gave an overview of correspondence.

**Chief Administrator's Report:**

Chief Messenger gave highlights from his report.

**Board of Fire Commissioners Report:**

No report.

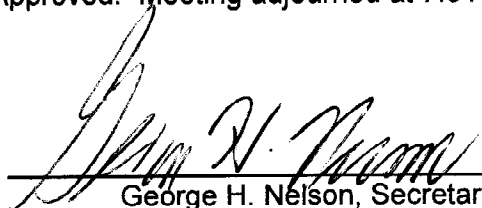
**Public Comment:**

Richard Sanborn, President of Darien-Woodridge Professional Firefighters Association, Local 3437, made a statement to the board regarding the district's practice of hiring non-Firefighter II certified personnel for full-time positions. He indicated he felt it would be in the district's best interest to require this certification as a prerequisite for hiring as it takes months to put a new hire through the academy.

President Klein requested a motion to recess to closed session to discuss personnel issues. Frank Burns so moved. George Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: Sharon Cattaneo, aye, Frank Burns, aye, Robert Klein, aye, George Nelson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays Approved. Meeting recessed at 7:04 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m. President Klein called the regular meeting to order. Roll Call: Sharon Cattaneo present, Frank Burns, present; George Nelson, present; Robert Klein, present; Thomas Cameli absent. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Sharon Cattaneo moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Sharon Cattaneo aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

  
George H. Nelson, Secretary