

**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 May 20, 2009.

Members present:

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

Workshop called to order at 6:15 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 6:30 p.m. President Klein called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Kathy Trapp was the recording secretary. Roll call: James Palatine present, Sharon Cattaneo present, Frank Burns present, Robert Klein present, George Nelson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

James Palatine was elected to the position of Trustee of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District in the Consolidated Election held on April 7, 2009. President Klein administered the oath of office and welcomed Mr. Palatine to the Board.

President Klein requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting and approve them as written. Frank Burns so moved. George Nelson seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine abstain, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 4 ayes,0 nays, 1 abstention. Approved

Frank Burns read the April Treasurer's Report which included vendors and payroll. President Klein requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Sharon Cattaneo 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

President Klein requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$359,307. George Nelson so moved. Sharon Cattaneo seconded. Roll call vote: James Palatine aye, Sharon Cattaneo aye, Frank Burns aye, Robert Klein aye, George Nelson aye. 5 ayes 0 nays. Approved

Last month Chief Messenger asked Attorney Broida to review the contract for Interoperable Communication Services. Mr. Broida found the document lacking and submitted a report to the Chief on its shortcomings. Chief Messenger advised that the State's Attorney also has concerns regarding the agreement, and everything is on hold for now.

Fire Alarm Monitoring – Chief Messenger reminded the Board of the documents previously circulated regarding the proposed fire alarm monitoring program. Director Bob Morris gave a historical overview of how the District came to want to provide radio alarm monitoring. Chief Messenger asked the Board to consider Chicago Metropolitan Fire Prevention Company as the vendor, ask that a monthly fee be charged and guarantee it for five years. If the Board reaches a concurrence, staff would work to have the contract

ready for the next Board meeting. Representatives from the recommended vendor, Chicago Metropolitan Fire Prevention Company, were in attendance to answer any questions the trustees may have regarding the proposed agreement. President Klein polled the trustees for consensus; and they agreed to approve furthering the process.

- B. Board Appointment to Pension Board – Trustee Cattaneo advised that currently the members of the pension board are not bonded. Chief Messenger is requesting quotes for this coverage. President Klein appointed Trustee James Palatine to the pension board who agreed to accept the position.

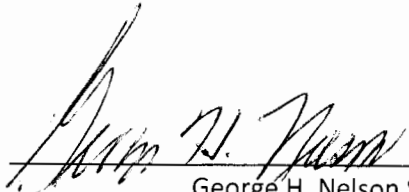
- A. Proposed Fiscal 2009/10 Working Budget – Trustee Frank Burns reviewed the proposed working budget. The District is budgeting an increase of 6.2 percent in revenue and a 5.1 percent increase in expense and a budgeted positive net at the end of the year of \$69,300. President Klein advised the Board of his concern with the fact that the District has put an ambulance out of service due to lack of funds. Trustee Burns suggested it would be productive to prepare a worksheet to determine the cost to put the second ambulance back in service including any revenue it may generate. Chief Messenger reported that the proposed working budget includes a capital fund which is the first time the District has done this. The capital fund would be for stations, equipment, etc. Frank Burns moved to accept the budget as presented. 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
- B. Nominations for Board Positions – President Klein suggested that due to the election of a new Board member, it would be appropriate to propose nominations for Board positions. George Nelson moved that the Board retain its existing officers with the exception of nominating Frank Burns to the open position of Treasurer. 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
- C. Declare Equipment Surplus – Chief Messenger circulated a list of equipment deemed surplus. President Klein asked for a motion to declare the proposed list of equipment surplus and authorize the chief to dispose of it. 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
- D. Work with Chamber – President Klein asked that the District work more closely with the Darien Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that a representative of the District would attend the meetings.

Chief Messenger gave highlights of his report.

H. James McGill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, gave highlights of the Commissioners' Annual Report.

There was no closed session

President Klein requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Palatine so moved. George Nelson 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 8:07 p.m.


George H. Nelson Secretary