Darien-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 21, 2021

# 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 89 located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois on April 21, 2021.

## Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President

Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer

Mr. Christopher English, Secretary

Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee

Ms. Beth Brownson, Trustee

Chief Steven Gorsky

Deputy Chief James Karasek

Ms. Randa Firlit, Recording Secretary

Attorney Ronald Broida

At 6:30 p.m. Trustee Palatine called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: James Palatine present (in person), Frank Burns absent, Christopher English present (in person), Kathy Trapp present (in person), Trustee Beth Brownson present (in person). It was determined that a quorum was present.

# Reading of Minutes:

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 17, 2021 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

## Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Trapp read the March's Treasurer's Report which included vendors paid report and payroll. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$511,959. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

# **Attorney Report:**

Attorney Broida informed the Board the sale of Station 88 closed at \$910,922 and the sale is complete. Attorney Broida also informed the Board that he had sent a draft Investment Policy via email to the Trustees for their review. Trustee Palatine requested to add the review and approval of the Investment Policy on May's agenda under *New Business*. Lastly, Attorney Broida informed the Board that he, along with Chief Gorsky and Deputy Chief Karasek recently met with the certified public accountants to gather more information in responding to the Tax Rate Objections.

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## **Old Business:**

No old business.

#### **New Business:**

No new business.

# Correspondence:

- Thank you letter to FF/PM Daniel Firlit and FF/PM William Landeros from a school social working for their caring natured and professional intervention for a middle school student who was in crisis.
- Thank you note from Safety Village for the donation of safety trailer.
- Thank you email sent in appreciation of our assistance and fine job for assisting a resident. FF/PM Michael Schleich, FF/PM Carlos Rojas and Brock Mathewson were the Firefighters on this call.

# **Chief Administrator's Report:**

Overview was given by Chief Gorsky.

# **Board of Fire Commissioners Report:**

Fire Commissioner Ed Cryer gave a brief overview of current events, meetings and training, to include firefighter hiring status.

# **Public Comment:**

There was no Public Comment.

# **Closed Session:**

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to recess to Closed Session to discuss Personnel Issues and review Closed Session minutes. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting recessed at 6:54 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:11 p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present (in person), Frank Burns absent, Christopher English present (in person), Kathy Trapp present (in person), Trustee Beth Brownson present (in person). It was determined that a quorum was present.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Christopher English, Secretary