

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 May 19, 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 present (in person), 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 April 21, 2021 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to amend the agenda under **New Business** to add the discussion and approval of the Chief and the Deputy Chief's employment contracts. Trustee Palatine also requested to move the current item (f) Appointment of Julia Beckman to the Board of Fire Commissioners vacancy, to item (a). Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Trapp read the April'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 Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$684,942. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

There was no Attorney's Report.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to appoint Julia Beckman to the Board of Fire Commissioners. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to make a one-time account transfer of \$4.5 million from the Ambulance Fund to the Corporate Fund. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- Chief Gorsky presented and briefly discussed Ordinance 21-O-2, An Ordinance Providing for Emergency Response Fees for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. Trustee Palatine requested for a motion to approve Ordinance 21-O-2, An Ordinance Providing for Emergency Response Fees for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- Attorney Broida briefly discussed the District Investment Policy to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the District Investment Policy. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- Chief Gorsky briefly went over the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, including Capital Expenses. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, including Capital Expenses. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from the Plainfield Fire Protection District for our response to a structure fire on April 25, 2021.
- Thank you letter from the DuPage County Clerk Election Division Office for using Station 89's Training Room during the 2021 Consolidation Election.
- Survey submittal from a resident, thanking the District for our participation in a 3-year old birthday drive by.
- Thank you letter to Lt Shawn Lamb for his role in helping a citizen who was stuck by a vehicle while he was on a bicycle.
- Thank you letter to the firefighters from a 6-year old resident who learned about firefighters in school.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview was given by Chief Gorsky.

Once Chief Gorsky completed going over the Chief Administrator's Report, Trustee Palatine requested to return to **New Business** to complete two items that were overlooked.

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Chief Gorsky's employee agreement for the position of Chief of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Deputy Chief Karasek's employee agreement for the position of Deputy Chief of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

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 Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:31 p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present (in person), Frank Burns present (in person), 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 7:32 p.m.



Christopher English, Secretary