

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 January 20, 2021.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President	Chief Steven Gorsky
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer	Deputy Chief James Karasek
Mr. Christopher English, Secretary	Ms. Randa Firlit, Recording Secretary
Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee	Attorney Ronald Broida
Ms. Beth Brownson, Trustee	

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 December 9, 2020 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.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Trustee Trapp read the December'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 \$831,992. 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:**

Attorney Broida informed the Board that his office received correspondence from the purchaser's attorney, requesting an extension of the due diligence period until February 28, 2021. Attorney Broida briefly discussed that he and Chief Gorsky are will be working on amending the appropriation ordinance for March's Board of Trustee Meeting. Lastly, Attorney Broida informed the Board that the District is continuing to work on the tax rate objection cases.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

- A) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to authorize the hiring of 3 (three) additional Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics to begin on March 1st, 2021. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson 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.
- B) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to pay off PNC Equipment Finance Lease #151924000 (Ladder 89) in the amount of \$417,278.81. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson 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.
- C) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to pay off PNC Equipment Finance Lease #194695000 (Engine 90) in the amount of \$385,591.12. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson 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.
- D) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to purchase 2021 Ford/Horton Mobile Intensive Care Unit (not to exceed) \$300,000.00. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson 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.
- E) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to authorize body work and paint to Ladder 89 not to exceed \$45,000.00. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson 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:**

Article in the Pioneer Press, **Community Helps Darien Children Have a Happy Christmas After Losing their Mother**, where DWFD Firefighters delivered gifts from Santa to the family.

**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. 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 6:55 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:24 p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present, Frank Burns present, Christopher English present, Kathy Trapp present, Trustee Beth Brownson present. 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 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 adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Christopher English, Secretary