

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 October 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, Frank Burns present, Christopher English present, Kathy Trapp absent, Trustee Beth Brownson present. 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 September 15, 2021 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, abstain; Trustee Brownson, aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested for an Acting Treasurer. Trustee Burns volunteered to be Acting Treasurer in the absence of Trustee Trapp.

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Burns read the September'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 Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, 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 \$489,214. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

There was no report.

Old Business:

- a) Attorney Broida briefly discussed the Proposed Agreement between the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District and FGM Architects, Inc. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to discuss and approve the Proposed Agreement between the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District and FGM Architects, Inc. Trustee Brownson so

moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
2 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstain.

New Business:

- a) Trustee Palatine requested for a motion to reappoint Wayne Messenger as Pension Board President for another term. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- b) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to declare the current hydraulic Amkus rescue tools surplus, approximate trade in value of \$7,200. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- c) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the purchase of new Amkus rescue tools with an approximate value of \$15,000. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- d) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to declare the current Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus surplus, no value. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- e) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to authorize the purchase of new Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, valued at \$220,000. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- f) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to authorize the modifications to the current breathing air compressor to make it compatible with the new SCBA's, approximate value \$9,000. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- g) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to authorize the purchase of turnout gear dryers, approximate value, \$9,500. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- h) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to appoint Battalion Chief Dimitrios Lahanis as Deputy Chief, pending the review and approval of his employment contract at November's Board Meeting. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, nay; Trustee Burns, nay; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Correspondence:

- a) Thank you letter from a resident for putting out their kitchen fire from February 2020.

- b) Thank you email from Mayor Joseph Marchese for DWFD's involvement in the September 11 First Responder Silent Parade.

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. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:12 p.m. Roll call: James Palatine present, Frank Burns present, Christopher English present, Kathy Trapp absent, 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 Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.


Christopher English, Secretary