

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 the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District Station 89, 7550 Lyman Ave., Darien, Illinois on November 8, 2023.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President	Fire Chief James Karasek
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer	Fire Chief Jimmy Lahanis
Ms. Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary	Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk
Mr. Brian Chaplin, Trustee	Attorney Joe Nichele
Mr. Timothy Waz, Trustee	Christine Hardy, Recording Secretary

Visitors:

Commissioner Ed Cryer, Commissioner Dominic Marsiglio, John Falduto, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management and Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting

Trustee Palatine called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: Trustee James Palatine present, Trustee Kathy Trapp present, Trustee Mary Brownson present, Trustee Brian Chaplin present and Trustee Timothy Waz present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Reading of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting held October 18, 2023

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 5 Month(s) Ended October 31, 2023 – Fiscal Year 24 which included vendors paid report and payroll. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$700,055.97. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

**Attorney Report:**

Attorney Nichele advised the annual tax levy ordinance would be presented at the December Board of Trustees meeting. The notice will be published 14 days in advance, and he is working with James Howard, Governmental Accounting and Chief Karasek on the final documents.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

- a) Swearing In of Jimmy Lahanis to the Position of Fire Chief/Administrator.
  - Deputy Fire Chief Jimmy Lahanis was sworn in as Fire Chief/Administrator by Trustee Palatine.
  
- b) Sawyer Falduto Asset Management – Updated Account Signers Authorization
  - John Falduto, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management provided an overview and update on the District’s investments as of October 31, 2023. An updated account signers authorization form was also presented to remove James Karasek and add Jamie Tunk as authorized account signers.
  - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the updated authorized signers as presented. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
  
- c) Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 23-R-7 Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Property Owned by the Darien-Woodridge Fire District and No Longer Needed for the District’s Purpose. The items included bunkroom lockers, (2) sets dumbbells and dumbbell racks.
  - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-7 Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Property Owned by the Darien-Woodridge Fire District and No Longer Needed for the District’s Purpose. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received.

**Chief Administrator’s Report:**

Chief Karasek indicated this would be his last meeting prior to retirement and thanked the Board of Trustees and the District for the opportunity to serve for over 33 years. The Board of Trustees thanked Chief Karasek and wished him well on his retirement.

**Deputy Chief's Report:**

Overview provided by Deputy Chief Tunk.

**Board of Fire Commissioners Report:**

No Report.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**Closed Session:**

No Closed Session.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary