

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
COMBINED PENSION AND DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The special meeting of the Combined Pension Board and Board of Trustees of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District was held at Station 89 located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois on August 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:02 a.m. Pension Board Secretary Jay Worden called the meeting to order. Pension Board members in attendance were President Wayne Messenger, Board Member DC James Karasek, Secretary Jay Worden, Board Member Christopher English, and Board Member Lt Brian Isley. Other members attending were Attorney Carolyn Welch Clifford and Treasurer Kathy Trapp.

Trustee Palatine then announced the Board of Trustee roll call. Roll call: James Palatine present, Frank Burns absent, Christopher English present, Kathy Trapp present, Beth Brownson present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**New Business: Presentation given by Stephanie Bay from Lauterbach and Amen.**

Stephanie Bay from Lauterbach and Amen gave a presentation to the District Board members on the results of our draft actuarial and GASB 67/68 reports for the next year. She discussed the increases and reasons for them. She also discussed how the historical under funding of the Pension Fund in comparison to the requested Levy requests from the Pension fund had a potential to both reduce the District's financial position and reduced the chances the Pension Fund would be in a position to pay out benefits in the future. The discussion acknowledged that part of the issue is the restrictions of the Tax Cap on keeping up with the increasing unfunded liabilities of the Pension Fund. She then discussed that if the District would commit to a written funding plan to make up the shortfall between what is received via property taxes and the requested level of funding it would potentially reduce the level of funding needed in the future to a more reasonable amount. This additional funding would have to be from funds currently used for other District purposes.

Stephanie suggested the District Board look at a Funding Plan that would take 3-4 years to implement in order to reduce the initial impact on the District's budgeting issues. The presentation then closed with discussion between the members and a request Stephanie prepare a more formal presentation for the District Board.

**Closed Session:**

There was no Closed Session.

There being no further business for the Board of Trustees to discuss, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Brownson 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 10:56 a.m.

*Mary E. Brownson*  
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Christopher English, Secretary  
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