

**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 September 17, 2025.

Board Members:

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

Visitors:

Fire Commissioner Ed Cryer; James Howard, Governmental Accounting (virtually) and Recording Secretary Christine Hardy.

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

Reading of Minutes:

Regular Meeting held August 20, 2025

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 20, 2025 regular meeting and approve and release them as written. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 3 Month(s) Ended August 31, 2025 – Fiscal Year 26 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 Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$679,441.05. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele reviewed the two resolutions on the agenda for approval.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Presentation of Resolution 25-R-3 Authorizing the Chief Administrator to Execute Authorization Form Allowing Du-Comm to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement on the District's behalf for the purchase of radio equipment.

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-3 Authorizing the Chief Administrator to Execute Authorization Form Allowing Du-Comm to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement on the District's behalf for the purchase of radio equipment. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Presentation of Resolution 25-R-4 Authorizing the Disposition of Property owned by the Darien-Woodridge Fire District and no longer needed for the District's Purpose – (4) Ground Ladders and (12) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles.

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution 25-R-4 Authorizing the Disposition of Property owned by the Darien-Woodridge Fire District and no longer needed for the District's Purpose – (4) Ground Ladders and (12) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bottles. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Capital Expenditure Request – LUCAS Devices

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Stryker LUCAS, two (2) battery chargers and necessary accessories at a cost not to exceed \$41,997.76. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- Chief Lahanis advised these devices will replace the current Zoll Auto-Pulse CPR units on both ambulances, which have reached the end of expected service life. These devices will be traded into Stryker for a credit of \$6,000 towards the LUCAS Device purchase.

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared a thank you letter from the Sabatini family and their 2 year old daughter, Lila expressing appreciation for visiting with the fire engine.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Chief Lahanis provided an overview of department activities.

- The Pension Board will be meeting on September 23rd at 10am.
- The annual Fire Prevention Week Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th from 10am to 1pm. All Trustees are encouraged to attend if available.
- Currently one member out on a work comp injury with the next physician follow up in October.

- The hiring online application process closed on September 12th resulting in 15 candidates. Candidate preference points are due by September 26th and interviews should be held early October.
- FF/PM Natalie Johnson completed the car seat installation course and is now certified to install car seats.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Tunk provided an overview of department responses and activities.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised the Board of Fire Commissioners plan to initially interview approximately 3-5 candidates in early October. The interview process consists of new questions, and a one-hour interview time slot will be scheduled for each candidate.

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 Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary