

**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 January 21, 2026.

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; Sam Matranga, Governmental Accounting (remotely) 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 December 10, 2025

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 10, 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.

Closed Session Meeting held December 10, 2025

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 10, 2025 closed session meeting and approve them as written. 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 7 Month(s) Ended December 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 Trapp 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 \$663,330.62. 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.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised that the agenda included a review of closed session minutes for potential release and stated that he believed release of all minutes would be acceptable.

Attorney Nichele further advised that the district, along with several other governmental agencies, may be involved in a pending lawsuit related to FOIA responses; however, the district has not yet been served. He added that Chief Lahanis would provide an update regarding the proposed TIF districts under his meeting report.

Old Business:

Trustee Palatine provided an update on the ongoing discussions between Lisle-Woodridge and Darien-Woodridge regarding staffing and response coordination. Direction was given for Chief Lahanis and Deputy Chief Tunk to meet with union board members to obtain their input on potential joint staffing arrangements.

Trustee Trapp emphasized that feedback from firefighters is necessary to make informed decisions. Additional information will be provided at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Consideration of a Motion to Review and Release the Minutes from the Previous Closed Session Meeting Dates of 10.15.2025 and 12.10.2025

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the release of closed session meeting minutes dated 10.15.2025 and 12.10.2025. 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.

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared a Lace School thank you note expressing appreciation for Emily St. Clair visiting and reading to the students. Nancy and Patrick Donaldson also expressed appreciation to DuComm dispatchers and FF/PM's for excellent service on a recent emergency call.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Chief Lahanis provided an overview of department activities.

- The Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts' annual conference is scheduled for February 6th and 7th.
- One member remains out due to an on-duty injury, and one member remains off duty following childbirth.
- Members Walsh and Vicencio are progressing well through their probationary period.

- The proposed Village of Woodridge TIF district appears to be moving forward with the next joint review board meeting scheduled for February 2nd and Village Board consideration on February 5th. Attorney Nichele continues to review the draft intergovernmental agreement. A request was made to exempt the 8% pension levy from the TIF. Additional updates to be provided at the February board meeting.
- As requested, a quote was received for enhanced security at Stations 89/90. The quote totaled approximately \$30,000. Additional information to be provided.

Deputy Chief's Report:

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

- The 2025 emergency response calls totaled 157 higher than the 2024 emergency response calls.
- An Office of the State Fire Marshal grant request was submitted for a powered extrication tool.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised he had no report.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

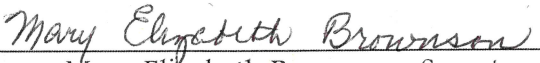
Closed Session:

No closed session was held.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.


Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary