

**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 March 18, 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:**

Attorney John Zerfahs, Momkus LLP; Fire Commissioner Ed Cryer; Sam Matranga, 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 February 18, 2026**

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 18, 2026 regular meeting and approve and release them 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.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Sam Matranga, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 9 Month(s) Ended February 28, 2026 – Fiscal Year 26 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 Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$659,399.95. 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.

### **Attorney Report:**

Attorney John Zerfahs, Momkus LLP, was present in Attorney Nichele's absence. He advised the Ordinance for the fiscal year change would be presented at the April Board of Trustees meeting for review and consideration.

### **Chief Administrator's Report:**

Chief Lahanis provided an overview of department activities.

- An update was provided on the planned Village of Woodridge TIF district. The Village denied excluding the pension levy from the TIF district. The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District attorney has drafted an updated pension levy intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and Attorney Nichele is reviewing. The IGA will be included on the April Board of Trustees agenda.
- There are no current updates on the City of Darien TIF district.
- Ladder 89's turbo system was recently repaired by Interstate. Upon return, the turbo system once again failed due to a faulty part. It was returned to Interstate and repaired at no cost.
- Staff are awaiting final property, casualty and worker's compensation insurance renewals, once received information will be provided. A 90-day notice was provided to the current worker's compensation provider in the event the district chooses to make any changes.
- Implementation of additional banking safety measures is in process with BMO bank.
- The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm.
- The status of on duty/off duty employee leaves was provided.
- Current probationary members continue to excel.

Trustee Waz asked if the district has realized an impact from rising fuel costs. Chief Lahanis believes fuel is purchased through the City of Darien and DuPage County through a fixed term contract so there may not be an immediate impact. However, the district's electricity rates were negotiated through a group bid process and will increase by approximately 30%.

### **Deputy Chief's Report:**

Deputy Chief Tunk advised staff continue to work on retrieving data after the NERIS reporting system changeover.

### **Old Business:**

No old business for discussion.

**New Business:**

- a) Approval of Agreement for Capital Expenditure with Proxess for Stations 89 and 90 Security System Installation in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve an Agreement for Capital Expenditure with Proxess for Stations 89 and 90 Security System Installation in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000. 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.

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received.

**Board of Fire Commissioners Report:**

Commissioner Cryer and DC Tunk advised the lieutenant promotional packets were sent out to commence the promotional testing process.

**Public Comment:**

Lt. Skamser asked after the Tri-State Fire Protection District's recent passing of general obligation bonds if Darien-Woodridge would consider any type of referendum. Chief Lahanis said future discussions may be held.

**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 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

  
Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary