

**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 July 15, 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 Joe Nichele, Momkus LLP; Fire Commissioners Ed Cryer and Julia Beckman; Sam Matranga, Governmental Accounting (virtually); Recording Secretary Christine Hardy.

Trustee Palatine opened a public hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 26-O-2 at 6:30 p.m. The notice of public hearing appeared in the newspapers as required. With no public comments, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye; Trustee Roberts, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

At 6:32 p.m. Trustee Palatine called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: Trustee Palatine present, Trustee Trapp present, Trustee Brownson present, Trustee Waz present and Trustee Roberts, present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes:

Regular Meeting held June 17, 2026

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 17, 2026 regular meeting and approve and release them as amended by Trustee Waz. Trustee Palatine so moved. Trustee Roberts seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, abstain; Trustee Brownson, abstain; Trustee Waz, aye; Trustee Roberts, aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain. Approved.

Regular Meeting held May 20, 2026

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 20, 2026 regular meeting and approve and release them as written. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye; Trustee Roberts, abstain. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Sam Matranga, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 1 Month(s) Ended June 30, 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; Trustee Roberts, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$1,814,378.62. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye; Trustee Roberts, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele was present and advised by statute, closed session minutes must be reviewed every six months to determine if acceptable for release. Minutes are reviewed in January and July each year. He stated there we no closed meeting minutes requiring review this month.

Attorney Nichele further advised Budget Ordinance 26-O-02 includes the remainder of the 2026 calendar year and is included on the agenda for approval. A new CY2027 budget will be approved in November 2026. All notifications have been published as required. He also reminded board members that the Ordinance provides the authority to spend funds, and it is not a requirement to spend funds. Upon approval the ordinance will be filed and sent to DuPage County.

Attorney Nichele provided an update pertaining to pending legal action. A motion to dismiss will be filed with the courts. Updates will be provided as available.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Chief Lahanis provided an overview of department activities.

Village of Woodridge TIF District Update:

- No further updates.

City of Darien TIF District Update:

- No further updates.

CY26 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget:

- On the agenda for approval after being discussed over the last couple of months.

Additional Activities:

- The status of on duty/off duty employee leaves was provided.
- The current probationary member continues to excel.
- During a substantial rain event on July 4th, Engine 90 inadvertently drove through high standing water during emergency operations. Damage occurred as water entered the mechanical systems. Staff is awaiting a final damage report as well as an insurance carrier coverage decision.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Tunk provided an overview of department activities.

- To date there is a 37 emergency call decrease as compared to the same time last year.
- Lieutenant testing has been conducted over the last few days.

Old Business:

No old business for discussion.

New Business:

Presentation of Ordinance 26-O-2, Final Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026.

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Ordinance 26-O-2, Final Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2026 and Ending December 31, 2026. Trustee Trapp so moved. Trustee Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye; Trustee Roberts, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Morgan McDonnell, CDS Office Technologies. Mr. McDonnell was enjoying dinner at a local establishment when he witnessed a medical emergency. He said the calm demeanor and care demonstrated by EMS staff was impressive and reassuring to everyone present.
- Thank you letter from Fire Chief Steve Riley, Westmont Fire Department expressing appreciation for participating in the annual Fire Truck Cruisin' Night held on Thursday, June 18th.
- Thank you letter from Fire Chief Daniel Reda expressing appreciation for assistance with a garage fire on Wednesday, June 10th.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised the Board of Fire Commissioners did not have any updates to 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 Waz so moved. Trustee Roberts seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye; Trustee Roberts, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Brownson
Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary