

**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 August 19, 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 Jason Burrows; 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 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 July 15, 2026

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 15, 2026 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; Trustee Roberts, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Sam Matranga, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 2 Month(s) Ended July 31, 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 Brownson 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.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$1,005,204.68. 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.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele was present and provided a brief update on pending litigation. He stated a response is due by September 4, 2026, with a potential November court date.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Chief Lahanis provided an overview of department activities.

Village of Woodridge TIF District Update:

- No current updates.

City of Darien TIF District Update:

- No current updates.

Engine 90 / Ladder 89 Repair Update:

- The engine repair costs will be covered by insurance minus the deductible.
- The new engine will take approximately 45 days for delivery. Once installed the engine will be tested for any additional damage.
- Ladder 89 was returned to service earlier in the day.

Additional Activities:

- An incident occurred at Station 90 recently in which a citizen broke several bay door windows. The citizen was attempting to alert station personnel to a medical emergency his brother was experiencing. It appears he may have attempted notification at the main entrance and was unsuccessful. Trustee Palatine obtained a police report copy and read it out loud. Discussion followed pertaining to repair costs and restitution along with installing signage and emergency phones at each station. Trustee Waz suggested placing signs at all exterior doors directing public to the main entrance. After discussion, direction was given to obtain phone/signage estimates and report back to the board. Attorney Nichele was also directed to reach out to the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office and inquire on the case status.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Tunk provided an overview of department activities.

- As of July 31, 2026 there is a 43 emergency call decrease as compared to last year.

Old Business:

No old business for discussion.

New Business:

No new business for discussion

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Fire Chief Timothy Donatucci, Pleasantview Fire Protection District expressing appreciation for assistance with their July 25th structure fire on Savoy Club Drive.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised the Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20th at 2:00 pm. He further stated the Lieutenant Promotional List has been posted with 12 members completing the process.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

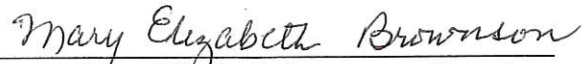
Closed Session:

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 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary