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 16, 2026.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer
Ms. Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary
Mr. Timothy Waz, Trustee
Ms. Krystal Roberts, Trustee

Fire Chief Jimmy Lahanis
Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Tunk
Attorney Joe Nichele
Christine Hardy, Recording Secretary

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 absent. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes:

Regular Meeting held August 19, 2026

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 19, 2026 regular meeting and approve and release them as written. 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Sam Matranga, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 3 Month(s) Ended August 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. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of $707,890.14. 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 Nichele advised a response was received pertaining to pending litigation. He said nothing in the response has changed his legal opinion pertaining to filing a motion to dismiss. Updates will be provided at the October meeting.

He further advised he has been following the Station 89 property damage proceedings. The defendant has pled not guilty and was assigned a public defender. The next hearing is scheduled for October 7, 2026. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Deputy Chief Tunk provided updates in Chief Lahanis' absence.

- The annual Fire Prevention Week Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th from 10am to 1pm. It will be a joint effort with the Lisle Woodridge Fire District at Station 89.
- The regular November 11th Board Meeting falls on a federal holiday and staff will be out of the office. A re-scheduled date will be added as a new business item at the October meeting.
- One member remains off duty with a work comp injury. An item pertaining to the matter has been added to the September 22nd Firefighters Pension Board agenda.
- Probationary Member Vicencio completes his probationary period on November 20th and will be recognized at the December Board of Trustees Meeting.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Tunk provided an overview of department activities.

- Total calls to date are 47 less than last year.
- Staff met with the new Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Director, Tom Grudowski.

Old Business:

No old business for discussion.

New Business:

Presentation of Resolution 26-R-04 Authorizing the Disposition of Property owned by the Darien-Woodridge Fire District and no longer needed for the District's purpose – (1) 1999 Jamar Trailer and (1) 2014 Bobcat Lawnmower.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution 26-R-04 Authorizing the Disposition of Property owned by the Darien-Woodridge Fire District and no longer needed for the District's purpose – (1) 1999 Jamar Trailer and (1) 2014 Bobcat Lawnmower. 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.

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Fire Chief Scott Spinazola, Downers Grove Fire Department, expressing appreciation for assistance with the July 27, 2026 confined space incident involving two trapped workers within a sewer system.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised he did not have anything to report.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Closed Session:

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to recess to Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. 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.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:50 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:59 p.m. Roll call: Trustee Palatine present, Trustee Trapp present, Trustee Brownson present, Trustee Waz present, Trustee Roberts absent. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Brownson

Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary