

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 February 15, 2023.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer
Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee
Ms. Beth Brownson, Trustee
Mr. Brian Chaplin, Trustee

Chief James Karasek
Deputy Chief Jimmy Lahanis
Ms. Chris Hardy, Recording Secretary
Attorney Joe Nichele

Visitors:

Mr. Brad Sullivan, Governmental Accounting
Mr. John Falduto, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC

Trustee Palatine called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: Trustee James Palatine present, Trustee Frank Burns present, Trustee Kathy Trapp present, Trustee Beth Brownson present, Trustee Brian Chaplin present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes:

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 18, 2023 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 24, 2023 special meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Chaplin so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Brad Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the January Treasurer's Report 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 Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

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Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$744,916.43. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised a Local Government Efficiency Act was signed into law by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker. The Act requires all units of local government that may levy a tax, except municipalities and counties, to convene a committee to “study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability.” The committee will consist of trustees, fire chief and two fire district residents. Three meetings will be held within 18 months and a report will be compiled upon completion. The committee must be formed by June 23, 2023.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

- a) Investment Advisor’s Report – Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC. Mr. John Falduto provided a review of the District’s current investment accounts and discussed additional investment options. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Investment Advisor’s Report as presented. Trustee Chaplin so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- b) Consideration of Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with FGM Architects, Inc. to Include the Renovation of the Bunk Room to the Agreement. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the amendment to the professional services agreement with FGM Architects, Inc. as presented in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence:

None.

Chief Administrator’s Report:

Overview was given by Fire Chief/Administrator Karasek.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Marsiglio advised the next Fire Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

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A special meeting was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 to review the Lieutenant Promotional Process Candidates evaluation forms. Commissioners Marsiglio and Beckman were both in attendance and felt there were many very qualified candidates participating in the testing process.

Commissioner Marsiglio advised Probationary FF/PM Noah Carlson submitted his resignation letter stating February 27, 2023 as his last worked shift. The next candidate on the current list, FF/PM Matthew Noyes has accepted an offer of employment. A swear in date will be determined.

Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment.

Closed Session:

There was no Closed Session.

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 Burns, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Mary "Beth" Brownson
Mary "Beth" Brownson, Secretary