Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 17, 2024

# 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 April 17, 2024.

#### Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President

Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary

Mr. Brian Chaplin, Trustee

Mr. Timothy Waz, Trustee

Fire Chief Jimmy Lahanis Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk

Attorney Joe Nichele

Christine Hardy, Recording Secretary

### Visitors:

Commissioners Ed Cryer and Dominic Marsiglio, James Howard (Governmental Accounting) and Tony Evans (Horton Group).

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 Brian Chaplin present and Trustee Timothy Waz present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

#### Reading of Minutes:

# Regular Meeting held March 20, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 20, 2024 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 Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

# Decennial Committee Meeting held February 21, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 21, 2024 final Decennial Committee 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 Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye; Chief Lahanis, aye; and Deputy Chief Tunk, aye. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

# Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 10 Month(s) Ended March 31, 2024 – Fiscal Year 24 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 Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

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Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$632,732.51. Trustee Chaplin so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Trapp inquired on the status of the Bond Issue spending relating to timeframe and remaining funds. Staff will follow up and provide information at the next meeting.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised an Ordinance to amend current GEMT ambulance rates will be presented at the June meeting. The Ordinance was last updated in 2021 and fees are established via a State agency cost report. Board consensus was to review and approve the Ordinance and rates annually in November.

Old Business:

None.

#### New Business:

- a) Reappointment of Julia Beckman to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
  - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the reappointment of Julia Beckman as Fire Commissioner for a three-year term effective May 19, 2024 through May 18, 2027. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye and Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
  - Trustee Waz requested clarification on Fire Commissioner qualifications. Attorney Nichele to research and provide information prior to the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared correspondence thanking Decennial Committee Members Lisa Janek and Donna Williams for their participation on the Decennial Committee.

Trustee Trapp shared that a \$50,000 check was received from Lieutenant Mike Schleich on behalf of the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The funds are to be applied to the Firefighters Pension Fund account.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview provided by Chief/Administrator Lahanis.

Tony Evans, Horton Group, presented 2024 insurance renewal documents. Discussion was held pertaining to premium increases.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Overview provided by Deputy Chief Tunk.

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Board of Fire Commissioners Report: No Report.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Closed Session: No Closed Session.

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 Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary