Darien-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 19, 2023

# 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 19, 2023.

#### **Board Members:**

Mr. James Palatine, President

Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer

Ms. Beth Brownson, Secretary

Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee

Mr. Brian Chaplin, Trustee

Chief James Karasek

Deputy Chief Jimmy Lahanis

Ms. Chris Hardy, Recording Secretary

Attorney Joe Nichele

#### Visitors:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting

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 March 15, 2023 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Trapp 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.

#### Treasurer's Report:

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the April 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.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$847,988.12. 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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## Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised a resolution would be presented at the May meeting establishing the Local Government Efficiency Committee. The Committee will consist of board members, fire chief and two outside residents. The Committee must meet three times within an 18 month period and submit a final report on its findings. Additional information will be provided prior to the May meeting.

#### Old Business:

No Old Business

#### New Business:

a) Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 23-R-3 Congratulating Trustee Frank Burns on His Retirement. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-3 Congratulating Trustee Burns on His Retirement as presented. Trustee Trapp 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.

## Correspondence:

Chief Karasek shared a thank you letter received from the Carpentersville Fire Department. They expressed their appreciation for representation at the firefighters walk through for Lt. James Ohlinger on March 17, 2023.

## Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview was given by Fire Chief/Administrator Karasek.

# Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Lahanis provided an overview of March 2023 department calls and activities.

## Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Marsiglio advised the Fire Commissioners would be meeting on Thursday, May 11th instead of Thursday, May 18th due to a schedule conflict.

Commissioner Marsiglio also said the Fire Commissioners discussed conducting future swear in ceremonies at the monthly Board of Trustees Meetings. Board consensus was in favor of the recommendation.

## **Public Comment:**

There was no Public Comment.

#### Closed Session:

There was no Closed Session.

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Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mary "Beth" Brownson, Secretary