

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 July 17, 2024.

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. Brian Chaplin, Trustee	Christine Hardy, Recording Secretary
Mr. Timothy Waz, Trustee	

Visitors:

Fire Commissioner Ed Cryer, Fire Commissioner Dominic Marsiglio and James Howard (Governmental Accounting).

Trustee Palatine opened a public hearing for the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 24-0-2 at 6:30 p.m. The notice of public hearing appeared in the newspapers as required. With no public comments, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to close the public hearing. 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.

At 6:32 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 absent, Trustee Mary Brownson present, Trustee Brian Chaplin absent, Trustee Timothy Waz present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes:

Regular Meeting held June 19, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 19, 2024 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, abstain; Trustee Waz, aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 1 Month(s) Ended June 30, 2024 – Fiscal Year 25 which included vendors paid report and payroll. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Trustee Waz 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.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$1,367,103.93. Trustee Waz 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.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised Ordinance 24-O-2 Final Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2024 and Ending May 31, 2025 was included on the meeting agenda for approval. He said all statutory requirements have been complied with.

He further advised a review and possible release of closed session minutes was also on the meeting agenda. A closed session will also be necessary to provide a pending tax objection litigation update.

New Business:

- a) Presentation of Ordinance 24-O-2 Final Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2024 and Ending May 31, 2025.
  - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Ordinance 24-O-2 Final Ordinance Providing for Budget and Appropriation of the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2024 and Ending May 31, 2025 as presented. 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.
- b) Consideration of a Motion to Review and Release the minutes from the Previous Closed Session Meeting Dates of 06.16.2021, 05.18.2022, 09.21.2022, 11.09.2022, 05.17.2024 and 06.19.2024.
  - 06.16.2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes:
    - Trustee Waz moved to not release the 06.16.2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
  - 05.18.2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes:
    - Trustee Waz moved to release the 05.18.2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
  - 09.21.2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes:
    - Trustee Waz moved to release the 09.21.2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Brownson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

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- 11.09.2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes:
  - Trustee Brownson moved to release the 11.09.2022 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Trapp seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- 05.17.2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes:
  - Trustee Waz moved to release the 05.17.2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Brownson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- 06.19.2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes:
  - Trustee Waz moved to not release the 06.19.2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Trustee Brownson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence:

No correspondence received.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview provided by Chief/Administrator Lahanis.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Tunk provided an overview of department responses and activities.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Fire Commissioner Cryer indicated the Fire Commission would be meeting in August.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Closed Session:

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

The regular meeting recessed at 6:47 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m. Roll call: Trustee Palatine present, Trustee Trapp present, Trustee Brownson present, Trustee Chaplin absent, Trustee Waz present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

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Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

  
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Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary