

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 August 21, 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 and James Howard (Governmental Accounting).

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 July 17, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 17, 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, aye; Trustee Chaplin, abstain; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Closed Session held July 17, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 17, 2024 regular meeting and approve without release as written. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, abstain; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 2 Month(s) Ended July 31, 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 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 \$707,702.80. 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. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised closed session discussion would be necessary relating to tax rate objection settlements.

New Business:

a) Consideration and Approval of Tax Objection Settlement.

- Trustee Palatine requested a motion to grant Attorney Nichele authority to negotiate a settlement amount not to exceed \$235,000. Trustee Trapp 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.

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis discussed the July 27, 2024 structure fire press release for 8738 Carlisle Ct. He also shared a thank you received from Westmont Fire Department for participation in the Annual Fire Department Fire Truck Cruisin Night held on August 1, 2024.

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 regular meeting would be held on August 22, 2024. Agenda items include a review of the oral interview process. Updates will be provided at the September meeting.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Closed Session:

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

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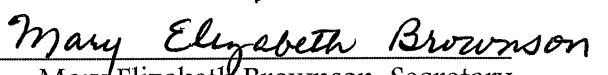
The regular meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:10 p.m. Roll call: Trustee Palatine present, Trustee Trapp present, Trustee Brownson present, Trustee Chaplin present, Trustee Waz present. 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 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 7:13 p.m.

  
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Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary