

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 September 20, 2023.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer
Ms. Mary Brownson, Secretary
Mr. Brian Chaplin, Trustee
Mr. Timothy Waz, Trustee

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

Visitors:

Commissioner Ed Cryer, Commissioner Dominic Marsiglio and 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 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 August 16, 2023

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 16, 2023 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, abstain; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.

Special Meeting held August 30, 2023

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 30, 2023 special meeting and approve them as written. 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.

Closed Session Meeting held August 16, 2023

Approval of the August 16, 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes was tabled until the October 18, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Closed Session Meeting held August 30, 2023

Trustee Waz requested a correction to the August 30, 2023 Closed Session Meeting minutes and approval was tabled until the October 18, 2023 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting after corrections are made.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 3 Month(s) Ended August 31, 2023 – 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 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.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$913,948.79. 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.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised he had nothing to report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- a) Consideration and Approval of Chief Administrator Employment Contract for Chief Dimitrios "Jimmy" Lahanis.
 - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Chief Administrator Employment Contract for Chief Dimitrios Lahanis as presented. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp 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.
- b) Consideration and Approval of First Amendment to the Employment Contract for Chief James Karasek.
 - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the First Amendment to the Employment Contract for Chief James Karasek. Trustee Chaplin so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Trustee Waz questioned if the amendment would create an additional financial impact to the District. Attorney Nichele advised the amendment allows for alternate payout options without any additional financial impact to the District. 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:

Deputy Chief Lahanis shared the following correspondence:

- LaGrange Park Fire Department thank you for assistance with the July 5, 2023 structure fire at 945 Meadowcrest Rd., LaGrange Park.
- Birthday party visit thank you from Benji Penninger.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview was given by Chief Karasek.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Overview provided by Deputy Chief Lahanis.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

No Report.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Closed Session:

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to recess to Closed Session to discuss personnel. 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.

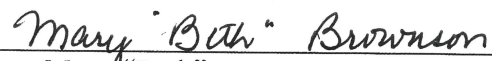
The regular meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:27 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 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Mary "Beth" Brownson, Secretary