

DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON: November 10, 2022

Location - Station 89, 7550 Lyman Ave, Darien.

Time - The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

Call to order:

Roll call of Commissioners present: Ed Cryer, Julia Beckman and Dominic Marsiglio

Guests: Chief Jim Karasek

Review of previous minutes and documents:

- A. The minutes of the following regular meeting were reviewed:
May 19, 2022; Member Marsiglio moved and Chair seconded motion to approve.
Approved by unanimous vote.
- B. The minutes of the following special meetings were reviewed:
June 29, 2022; June 30, 2022. Member Marsiglio moved, Secretary Beckman seconded motion to approve. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
- C. The notes from the Swearing-in Ceremony on August 5, 2022 were reviewed for record only

Correspondence:

- A. **Trustee's Meeting:** Previous Trustee Board meetings were attended by member/s of the Board of Commissioners. An update report was given at all meetings.
- B. **Trustee's Report:** The report packet included previous months' meeting minutes, Treasurer Report, Chief's report were issued along with the agenda for the current monthly meeting.
- C. **Other communications:** Various emails were sent to the commissioners for information covering DWFD issues.

Personnel and General Issue Report:

- A. A DWFD update was given by Chief Karasek. Due to a firefighter's resignation, effective December 2, there will be a vacancy to be filled from the current list. Chief also reported on the October 22 Zoom meeting of the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts. While there are enough firefighters to fit community needs, there is a shortage of EMTs. There are 2200 openings in area fire departments and only 400 candidates who qualify. Possible solutions were discussed, ie recruiting and training high school students or labor apprentices.

Old Business:

- A. **REFERENCE ONLY - Important Upcoming Dates:**
 - 1. FF/PM Eligibility list good from 12/08/2020 thru 12/07/2022 was reviewed. .
NOTE: THIS LIST IS NOW CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF CANDIDATES.
 - 2. Lieutenant Eligibility list good from 08/19/2020 thru 08/18/2023 was reviewed.
 - 3. Battalion Chief Eligibility list good from 11/17/2020 thru 11/16/2023 was reviewed. .
- B. Chief Karasek reported that a new recruit list will expire on June 6, 2024. There will be no need to test at C O D unless this list is exhausted. Tests may be scheduled for late 2023 or early 2024.

New Business:

A. Election of officers was held. Unanimous vote as follows: Ed Cryer was re-elected as Chair; Julia Beckman was re-elected as Secretary; Dominic Marsiglio was re-elected as member.

B. Dates for 2023 regular meetings were set as follows: February 16; May 18; August 17; November 16. All meetings will begin at 2:00pm.

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Public Comments: None

Adjournment: With no further business, Julia Beckman moved and Ed Cryer seconded the motion to adjourn, unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Beckman

Fire Commissioner, Recording Secretary