Darien-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 11, 2020

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 Station 89 located at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Illinois on November 11, 2020.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President

Mr. Christopher English

Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer

Mr. Frank Burns

Chief Steven Gorsky

Deputy Chief James Karasek

Ms. Randa Firlit, Recording Secretary

Attorney Ronald Broida

At 6:30 p.m. Trustee Palatine called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: James Palatine present (in person), Frank Burns present (in person), Joan Wayman present (in person), Christopher English present (in person), Kathy Trapp present (in person). 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 October 21, 2020 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Trapp read the October's Treasurer's Report which included vendors paid report and payroll. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$734,493. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Broida informed the Board of Trustees that his office is working on the levy ordinance and will be presented for the Board's consideration for December's regular board meeting. Attorney Broida also informed the Board that the buyers for Station 88 (also known as Station 2) requested an extension to mid-December to gather zoning and survey information.

Old Business:

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No old business.

New Business:

- A) Trustee Palatine announced that Trustee Joan Wayman resigned and this will be her last meeting. Trustee Palatine thanked Trustee Wayman for her time and service the men and women of the District and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.
- B) Trustee Palatine announced that because of Trustee Wayman's departure, the Board will need a new Secretary of the Board. Trustee English volunteered to fulfill the role as Secretary of the Board. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to appoint Trustee English as Secretary of the Board, to commence at the end of November 11, 2020 meeting. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, abstain; Trustee Trapp, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.
- C) Chief Gorsky requested the Board to declare DWFPD Shop #115 (also known as I-89; Fire Investigation Unit) surplus. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to declare I-89 surplus. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- D) Chief Gorsky introduced Eric Anderson to present and discuss Ordinance Number 20-O-2 An ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$8,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, of the Fire Protection District for the purpose of altering, repairing, improving and equipping existing facilities and paying outstanding debt related to equipment acquisition and fire station improvements of the Fire Protection District, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof. Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Ordinance Number 20-O-2. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence:

- Thank you message from Battalion Chief John Tabisz sent to Trustee Trapp, thanking her and the rest of the Board for their work and support to the District for the referendum.
- Thank you letter from a young resident to the Firefighters of the District for their service to the community.
- A survey submission, thanking DWFD for services provided. The resident described the services as excellent and professional.

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Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview was given by Chief Gorsky.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Fire Commissioner Ed Cryer reported that the new Firefighter Roster will take into effect on December 8, 2020.

Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment.

Closed Session:

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wayman so moved. Trustee Palatine seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee Wayman, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Christopher English, Secretary