

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 November 13, 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, John Falduto (Sawyer Falduto Asset Management LLC) 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 absent and Trustee Timothy Waz present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Reading of Minutes:

Regular Meeting held October 16, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 16, 2024 regular meeting and approve and release them 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.

Closed Session Meeting held October 16, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 16, 2024 closed session meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Trustee Waz expressed concern pertaining to the accuracy of comments made in the closed session meeting minutes. It was decided the agenda item would be tabled and discussed in closed session.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 5 Month(s) Ended October 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 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 \$658,124.33. 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.

Mr. John Falduto, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management LLC, provided an overview of the Investment Performance Report as of October 31, 2024.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised the draft tax levy ordinance would be included in the December meeting packet for review and approval. He further advised that a Truth and Taxation Hearing would not be required this year.

Old Business:

No old business items for discussion.

New Business:

No new business items for discussion.

Correspondence:

No correspondence received.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview provided by Chief/Administrator Lahanis.

- Structure Fire Incident at 7925 Fairmount on November 11, 2024.
- Strategic Plan pricing was received. Chief Lahanis to meet with President Palatine and Treasurer Trapp to review prior to moving forward.
- Health insurance renewal rates have been received with open enrollment beginning on November 18-20.
- Awaiting the completion of the 2023-2024 audit draft.
- The Truck Replacement Committee will be making a December presentation on a proposed new replacement truck purchase.
- Shop with a Hero program will be held on Saturday, December 21st. All board members are invited to attend.

Deputy Chief's Report:

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised the regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Closed Session:

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to recess to Closed Session to discuss closed session meeting minutes. 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.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:59 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.

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 Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary