

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 December 11, 2024.

Board Members:

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| 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, Fire Commissioner Dominic Marsiglio, James Howard, Governmental Accounting and Recording Secretary Christine Hardy.

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 November 13, 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 13, 2024 regular meeting and approve and release them as written. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplain, 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 6 Month(s) Ended November 30, 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 Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$1,061.669.55. 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.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised three items were included on the meeting agenda for approval. They included Ordinance 24-O-3, Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2024; Resolution No. 24-R-3, Giving Instruction to the County Clerk; and Ordinance 24-O-4, An Ordinance Providing for Emergency Response Fees for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District.

Old Business:

Closed Session Meeting held October 16, 2024

After Closed Session, 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 amended. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplain, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

New Business:

Presentation and Approval of Ordinance No. 24-O-3, Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2024

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-O-3, Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2024. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplain, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Review and Approval of Resolution No. 24-R-3, Giving Instruction to the County Clerk

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-R-3, Giving Instruction to the County Clerk. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplain, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Presentation and Approval of Ordinance No. 24-O-4, Ordinance Providing for Emergency Response Fees for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-O-4, Ordinance Providing for Emergency Response Fees for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplain, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

New Replacement Ladder Truck Purchase Presentation

Chief Lahanis advised a new replacement ladder truck committee was established for the purpose of researching new replacement ladder trucks as the current ladder truck is nearing end of life. The Committee is made up of several department members who spent time meeting with and viewing apparatus from several manufacturers. After vendor and specification review and discussions, the Ladder Committee felt Pierce Manufacturing through MacQueen best met the Darien-Woodridge Fire District's needs.

Firefighters Darrell Parrish and Andy Chearo presented an overview on specifications for the proposed new ladder truck. After discussion direction was given to obtain a written contract from MacQueen to be presented at the January 2025 meeting for further review and consideration.

Review and Approval of 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve the 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting dates to be held monthly, third Wednesday, except for November and December, which will be held on the second Wednesday. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplain, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence:

Fire Chief Lahanis advised the following correspondence was received.

- New Lenox Fire Protection District thank you letter for assistance on the recent Tri-Star Cabinet Company fire.
- Darien Historical Society thank you letter for delivering Santa and attending the Darien Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Trustee Waz card wishing staff a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Thank you card from residents Del & Donna Kolacki expressing gratitude for services on a recent EMS call.
- Customer survey completing thanking staff for excellent service provided.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview provided by Chief/Administrator Lahanis.

- An extension has been approved for the annual audit submittal. Seldon Fox plans on completing the audit for the January 2025 meeting.
- Shop with a Hero program will be held on Saturday, December 21st. All board members are invited to attend.
- An overview of member injuries was provided.
- Several grants are in the process of submittal.

Deputy Chief's Report:

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised he did not have anything to report.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Closed Session:

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to recess to Closed Session to discuss previous closed session meeting minute amendments. 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. The regular meeting recessed to closed session at 7:28 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened out of closed session at 7:40 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 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary