

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 13, 2023.

Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President	Fire Chief Jimmy Lahanis
Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer	Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk
Ms. Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary	Attorney Joe Nichele
Mr. Brian Chaplin, Trustee	Christine Hardy, Recording Secretary
Mr. Timothy Waz, Trustee	

Visitors:

Commissioner Ed Cryer, Commissioner Dominic Marsiglio and Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting (virtually).

Trustee Palatine opened a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. The Truth in Taxation hearing was being held for an extension of last year's tax levy by 7.16%. The notice of public hearing appeared in the newspapers as required. With no public comments, Trustee Palatine requested a motion to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Trustee Chaplin so moved. Trustee Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

At 6:31 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 absent, Trustee Mary Brownson present, Trustee Brian Chaplin present and Trustee Timothy Waz present. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Trustee Palatine requested a Trustee to serve as the Acting Treasurer in the absence of Trustee Trapp. Based on seniority Trustee Palatine appointed Trustee Brian Chaplin as the temporary treasurer for the December 13, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Reading of Minutes:

Regular Meeting held November 8, 2023

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 8, 2023 regular meeting and approve them 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, Inc. read the Treasurer's Financial Report for the 6 Month(s) Ended November 30, 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 Waz so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements for a total of \$1,168,164.42. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Nichele advised Ordinance 23-O-3 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2023 was on the agenda for approval. He further advised a request to appoint Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk as a member of the Decennial Committee was also on the agenda for consideration.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- a) Presentation of Ordinance 23-O-3 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2023.
 - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Ordinance 23-O-3 Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois for 2023. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Chaplin seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- b) Resolution 23-R-8 Giving Instruction to the County Clerk.
 - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-8 Giving Instruction to the County Clerk. Trustee Waz so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- c) Consideration of a Motion to Appoint Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk as a Member of the Decennial Committee.
 - Trustee Palatine requested a motion to appoint Deputy Chief Jamie Tunk as a Decennial Committee member. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Waz seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

- d) Review and Approval of 2024 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 Palatine requested a motion to approve 2024 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 Chaplin so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved

Correspondence:

Chief Lahanis shared two separate resident notes thanking Darien-Woodridge Fire District members for excellent service provided during emergency calls.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview provided by Chief/Administrator Lahanis.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Overview provided by Deputy Chief Tunk.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised the firefighter/paramedic testing process was underway with four (4) applications and one (1) additional application in process. The process is open through January.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Closed Session:

No Closed Session.

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 Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Brownson

Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary