Darien-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes December 9, 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 December 9, 2020

#### Board Members:

Mr. James Palatine, President

Chief Steven Gorsky

Ms. Kathy Trapp, Treasurer

Deputy Chief James Karasek

Mr. Christopher English, Secretary

Ms. Randa Firlit, Recording Secretary

Mr. Frank Burns, Trustee

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), 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 November 11, 2020 regular meeting and approve them as written. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee Trapp seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye.

4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine briefly spoke about Ms. Joan Wayman's service to the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District. Trustee Palatine thanked Ms. Wayman on behalf of the men and women of the District for her 8 years of dedicated service and presented Ms. Wayman with a plaque.

## Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Trapp read the November'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 Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve disbursements including payroll for a total of \$605,797. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

#### **Attorney Report:**

Attorney Broida informed the Board of Trustees the sale of Station 88 is still ongoing. Attorney Broida also informed the Board that the District is involved in two tax rate objection lawsuits

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filed by large property owners. Attorney Broida informed the Board that he will be putting together some information and come up with a response to the objections.

#### **Old Business:**

No old business.

#### **New Business:**

- A) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-O-3, Ordinance for the Levy, Assessment and Collection of Taxes for the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Ensuing Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2021. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- B) Trustee Palatine requested a motion to approve Resolution # 20-R-3 Giving Instructions to County Clerk. Trustee Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- C) Trustee Palatine nominated and requested a motion to appoint Beth Brownson to fulfill the current Board of Trustee vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Joan Wayman. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- D) Trustee Palatine requested to begin the election of new officers for the Board of Trustees.
  - Trustee Palatine requested for a motion to nominate Trustee Trapp for Treasurer. Trustee Palatine so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
    - 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
  - Trustee Palatine requested for a motion to nominate Trustee English for Secretary. Trustee Palatine so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
    - 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
  - Trustee Palatine nominated himself for President. Trustee English so moved. Trustee Burns seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, abstain; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Approved.
- E) Trustee Palatine requested approval of the 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates to be monthly, third Wednesday except for November and December, which will be held on the second Wednesday. Trustee Palatine so moved. Trustee Brownson seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye.
  - 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

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## Correspondence:

Thank you letters from second grade students to Lt Brian Skopec.

### 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 Burns so moved. Trustee English seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Palatine, aye; Trustee Burns, aye; Trustee English, aye; Trustee Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Christopher English, Secretary