

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 February 19, 2025.

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 and Recording Secretary Christine Hardy. James Howard, Governmental Accounting, attended the meeting remotely.

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 January 15, 2025

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 15, 2025 regular meeting and approve and release them as written. 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.

Special Meeting held January 30, 2025

Trustee Palatine requested a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 30, 2025 special 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 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 8 Month(s) Ended January 31, 2025 – 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 \$1,143,025.79. Trustee Brownson so moved. Trustee Chaplin 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 he had nothing to report.

Trustee Waz questioned Attorney Nichele about the District's obligation to appoint a new trustee. Attorney Nichele advised if a vacancy remains after the election, an appointment will need to be made within 60 days after the May Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Palatine indicated discussion on how to proceed with soliciting candidates could be discussed at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Correspondence:

Fire Chief Lahanis advised the following correspondence was received.

- Thank you card from the Darien Seaspar Eagles in appreciation to the first responders in the community. They gifted a rubber ducky for National Rubber Ducky Day.

Chief Administrator's Report:

Overview provided by Chief/Administrator Lahanis.

- The Annual Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday, February 15th. FF/PM Dillon Howell was selected and honored at the 2024 Firefighter of the Year. Various other awards were also presented.
- The new ladder truck contract has been executed with Pierce.
- Rake Digital has been hired as the new IT services provider replacing Leading IT.
- As discussed at the last meeting, a price for new station lighting has been obtained. Updates will begin within the next couple of weeks.
- Budget preparation is now underway.

Deputy Chief's Report:

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

- Staff is awaiting FEMA grants status due to the current budget freezes.
- An Illinois State Fire Marshal grant request has been submitted for overhead station doors.

Board of Fire Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Cryer advised Commissioners will be meeting on Thursday, February 20th to review oral interview questions.

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 Trapp, aye; Trustee Brownson, aye; Trustee Chaplin, aye; Trustee Waz, aye. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Brownson
Mary Elizabeth Brownson, Secretary