



Lockport Township Fire Protection District Will County, IL Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 27, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Lockport Township Fire Protection District was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at Lockport Township Fire Protection District Station #6, 19623 Renwick Road, Lockport, Illinois.

Board President Dave Palya called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and asked that everyone stand for the Flag Salute and a moment of silence in honor of the past and present members of the Lockport Township Fire Protection District, and those serving in the U.S. Military Service.

Roll Call was taken with the following present: Trustees Paul Siegel, Henry Meader, William Kendziora, Dave Palya and Todd Randich.

Also in attendance: Chief Paul Hertzmann, Deputy Chief Frank Blaskey, Deputy Chief Ed Rossetto, Director of Finance Robert Mondrella, Administrative Assistant Kathy Ludwig, Accounts Payable/HR Diane Schmidt, Battalion Chief John O'Connor, Captains William Blaskey, Troy Galetti, Lieutenants Jeremiah Gericke, Andrew Fitzgerald and Firefighters M. Collier, P. Hutto, C. Foster, P. Kelly and R. Vander Veen. Also present were Attorneys James Wargo, Karl Ottosen and Rhonda Casagrande.

MATTERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT AGENDA 19-09

Trustee Palya asked that Items 1) through 4) on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted upon in one motion.

Trustee Paul Siegel requested that the Regular Meeting Minutes January 23, 2019 to be removed.

1. Regular Meeting Minutes January 23, 2019
2. Closed Session Minutes January 23, 2019
(Approve but not released)
3. Approval of Bills \$413,682.29
4. Approval of Disbursements \$116,660.81

Motion was made by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee Henry Meader to approve 19-09 Consent Agenda excluding Regular Meeting Minutes January 23, 2019, but include the Closed Session Minutes January 23, 2019, Approval of Bills \$413,682.29 and Approval of Disbursements \$116,660.81. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye.

Trustee Siegel explained that his recollection of the motion on Action Item 19-07 Collective Bargaining Agreement was different than what is written. After talking with Attorney Ottosen I realized that the action was not made by me but verbalized by Karl and the motion was made by me. Again his reclamation was not that Karl had already sent the suggested changes to the Union but that it was going to be done after Trustees had a chance for discussion on the changes. There was a lot of communications that the rest of the Board did not get throughout this whole process. Those questions were among those that we did not get copies of. To this day I haven't gotten answers to those questions. Attorney Ottosen believes that the minutes are correct. Karl had presented what was sent to the Unions Attorney in Closed Session; came out of Closed Session and the Board was wanting to send a message that if the Union accepts what Karl sent to Lisa, the Board would ratify or approve it. Trustee Siegel was thinking the Board would have gotten a copy of the recommended changes, then the changes were going to be sent. Attorney Ottosen stated Action Item 19-07 in the minutes of the last meeting accurately states what happened. Karl apologized that the communications were not cleared up in Closed Session of things he had already done.

Motion made by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee Henry Meader to approve the original Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Randich aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report stands as presented by Director of Finance Robert Mondrella. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Motion by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Randich aye.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Karl Ottosen reported on the General Assembly. Every Spring for the last three years he has expressed concern on the property freezes on different bills in the House of the Senate. There seems to be more traction for some of them this year. A couple of them are a negative minus 5% from the previous year and 10% from the next year. As elective officials you need to be getting a hold of your State Representatives and Senators about the adverse effect this would be on the Fire District; The Lockport Twp. Fire Protection District is 90% reliant on property taxes for funding.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Hertzmann, Deputy Chief Blaskey, Deputy Chief Rossetto and Board President's reports stand as presented. A copy of the reports is attached and made a part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information Item 18-40 Pierce Fire Apparatus Corrosion Issues

Chief Hertzmann reported that we got a quote for refurbishment of Tower 6. We have an appointment with a representative from Pierce to see what changes can be made to bring down the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 19-10 Romeoville Intergovernmental Agreement – 2nd Installment Payment \$677,566.00

Motion by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora to approve the second installment of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Romeoville and the Lockport Twp. Fire Protection District in the amount of \$677,566.00. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye.

Item 19-11 Resolution 2019-01 / Surplus 2002 GMC Yukon and 2005 GMC Yukon

Motion by Trustee Henry Meader, seconded by Paul Siegel to approve Resolution 2019-01, declaring the 2002 and 2005 GMC Yukon's surplus and direct Senior Staff to sell the vehicles for the highest amount possible. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye.

Item 19-12 Resolution 2019-02 Local 1544 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Moved to Closed Session.

Action Item 19-13 820 ILCS/Public Safety Employee Benefits Act

President Palya requested this action item to be added to the agenda for a discussion of implementing a policy for the administration and budgeting PSEBA. After a lengthy discussion the Board of Trustees instructed the attorneys to see if the District Policy has a procedure in place for applying for PSEBA Benefits. The Board would like a procedure put in the policy with instructions on an application process so that it can be put on the agenda for the Trustees to address at a Board Meeting. Trustee Siegel would like to look into insurance options for PSEBA Benefits. Trustee Siegel would like Robert Mondrella to pull out PSEBA Benefits from OPEB and put it under its own subcategory.

Item 19-14 Staff Review/Compensation Consideration

Moved to Closed Session.

Item 19-15 Station 3 Phase II Scope of Work Approval

Station 3 is over 20 years old and in need of some minor remodeling and painting. This is the second and final phase of work which needs to be completed.

Motion by Trustee William Kendziora, seconded by Trustee Henry Meader to have Staff advertise and seek quotes for Station 3 Phase II remodeling per the scope of work. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Randich aye.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Todd Randich, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora go into Closed Session to: 1. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). 2. Collective negotiating matters (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye.

Motion was made at 6:57 P.M.

Roll call was taken in Closed Session with the following present. Trustee Palya, Trustee Randich, Trustee Siegel, Trustee Meader, Trustee Kendziora. Also present was Chief Hertzmann, Deputy Chief Blaskey, Deputy Chief Rossetto, Attorneys Karl Ottosen. The meeting went into Closed Session at 7:07 P.M. with possible action to follow.

Motion to come out of Closed Session by Trustee Henry Meader, seconded by Trustee Todd Randich. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Palya aye. The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 7:23 P.M.

All Trustees present out of Closed Session.

Action Item 19-12 Resolution 2019-02 / Local 1544 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Trustee William Kendziora, seconded by Trustee Todd Randich to approve Resolution 2019-02, the successor agreement with Local 1544 and the Fire District. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Palya aye, Trustee Meader aye.

Item 19-14 Staff Review/Compensation Consideration

Staff includes the following organizational members: Office Staff, Mechanic, Deputy Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs.

Motion by Trustee Henry Meader, seconded by Trustee Paul Siegel to provide \$33,672.83 for Staff compensation increases. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Palya Aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye.

Action Item 19-16 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Henry Meader, seconded by Trustee Paul Siegel to adjourn. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Palya aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:26.

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED/AMENDED

Henry C. Meader, Secretary