



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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 25, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Lockport Township Fire Protection District was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at Lockport Township Fire Protection District Station #6, 19623 Renwick Road, Lockport, Illinois.

Board President Todd Randich called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence.

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

Also in attendance: Deputy Chief Frank Blaskey, Deputy Chief Ed Rossetto, Director of Finance Robert Mondrella, Administrative Assistant Kathy Ludwig, HR/Accounts Payable Ashley Hulbert, Battalion Chief John O'Connor, Captains William Blaskey, Troy Galetti, Lieutenants Brian Gimbel, Kevin Ticknor and Firefighters M. Collier and B. Scholtes. Also present were Attorneys' Karl Ottosen and James Wargo.

MATTERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT AGENDA 19-87

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes August 28, 2019
2. Closed Session Minutes August 28, 2019
(Approved but not released.)
3. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$422,897.03
4. Approval of Disbursements in the amount of \$103,413.97

Motion was made by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee Henry Meader to remove the Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes August 28, 2019 and Closed Session Minutes August 28, 2019 but to approve the Approval of Bills \$422,897.03, Approval of Disbursements \$103,413.97. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Batusich aye.

Trustee Paul Siegel questioned the verbiage of the Motion to accept resignation letter from Paul Hertzmann.

Motion was made by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee Kendziora to approve to change the wording from resignation to retirement in regards to accepting the Retirement

letter from Paul Hertzmann. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Batusich aye.

Motion by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee John Batusich to consider the Closed Session Minutes August 28, 2019 be considered at the October 23, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye.

Item 19-90 Possible Refinancing/New Fire Note

Eric Anderson from Piper Jaffray discussed possible financing options for the new purchase of a new tower and engine and the possibility of refunding the 2013 Fire Notes. He explained the interest rates are at historic lows. Trustees requested Eric to prepare additional scenarios for the next meeting.

Motion by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee John Batusich to direct Eric Anderson to come back to the next meeting October 9, 2019 with alternative financing options for \$1.75/\$2.0 million in new money. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye. Motion Passed.

Kevin Kalata from WJE appeared to discuss adding equipment to assist with the moisture mitigation at Station 3. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to wait to move forward with this proposal.

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

STAFF REPORTS

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

Deputy Chief Rossetto reported that the Park District is repairing their irrigation system and contacted us requesting a possible contribution. He also met with Corkhill Insurance for a pre-renewal meeting in regards to Workman's Comp and the Tactical Athlete Program rate is going up they will be coming back with a proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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. A pre-bid meeting was held on September 24, 2019. The anticipated contractor award will be October 17, 2019, anticipated start of construction will be January 20, 2020 and the projected completion date will be March 16, 2020.

Board of Trustees set a special meeting for October 9, 2019 at 6 P.M. to be held at Lockport Township Fire Protection District Station #6, 19623 Renwick Road, Lockport, Illinois.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 19-88 Discussion/Action to purchase New Power Load System and Cot for New Ambulance 2

Motion by Trustee John Batusich, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora to approve the purchase of a new Power Load System and Cot from Stryker in an amount not to exceed \$49,903.84. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-89 Chiefs Requesting Permission to Attend the Fire Chiefs Conference in Peoria October 13-16

Motion by Trustee William Kendziora, seconded by Trustee Paul Siegel to permit the Chief Officers to attend the conference as requested. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-91 Chief Paul Hertzmann Out Processing

Motion by Trustee Henry Meader, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora to approve the Out Processing for Chief Hertzmann in the amount of \$118,424.18. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-93 Declare Station 6 Freezer Surplus/ Resolution 2019-21

The Station 6 refrigerator has gone out and is beyond repair. This side by side combination is no longer available and a new fridge/freezer combination had to be purchased.

Motion by Trustee John Batusich, seconded by Trustee Paul Siegel to adopt Resolution 2019-21 declaring Station 6 freezer surplus and have it disposed of as seen fit. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-94 Discussion/ Action regarding the benefits package for the second full time mechanic's position

Motion by Trustee William Kendziora, seconded by Trustee John Batusich to approve the salary and benefits package for the second full time mechanic as presented. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-95 Discussion/ Action on changing the location and time of the October 23rd Board of Trustees Meeting

The October Board of Trustees meeting is set for October 23rd is the day we would be swearing in the new hires. Along with this would also be the badge pinning ceremony for the 4 personnel ending their current probationary period. With the amount of family and friends we feel the normal meeting location in the training room would not be able to accommodate the large crowd. We suggest having it at Prairie Bluff Golf Course at 6 P.M.-7 P.M. with the regular meeting to follow. **Motion by Trustee Batusich, seconded by Trustee Kendziora to approve changing the location and time of the October 23rd Board of Trustees Meeting to Prairie Bluff Golf Course at 6 P.M.** Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-96 Declare Rescue 6, Tower 6, and the old OFI Vehicle surplus/ Resolution 2019-22

All three vehicles are currently out of service due to mechanical issues and due to the extent of these issues; it is not financially prudent to make any repairs to them. **Motion by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee John Batusich to adopt Resolution 2019-22 declaring Rescue 6, Tower 6, and the old OFI vehicle surplus and have it disposed of as seen fit.** Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye. Motion Passed.

Item 19-97 Discussion/ Action regarding the “Initial Employment Agreement” from the Board of Fire Commissioners Rules for new Firefighter hires

Motion by Trustee John Batusich, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora to set the cost of the liquidated damages for any probationary employee that fails to complete his or her probationary period due to cause other than “termination” at \$4,000.00. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion Passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee John Batusich, seconded by Trustee William Kendziora to go into Closed Session to discuss 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)(2)). Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Randich aye. Motion was made at 8:25 P.M.

Roll call taken in Closed Session with the following present. Trustee Meader, Trustee Siegel, Trustee Randich, Trustee Kendziora, Trustee Batusich. Also present was Deputy Chief Blaskey, Deputy Chief Rossetto and Attorneys Karl Ottosen and James Wargo.

Motion to come out of Closed Session by Trustee Paul Siegel, seconded by Trustee Henry Meader. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich, Trustee Kendziora aye, Trustee Batusich aye. The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 9:53 P.M.

Item 19-98 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee John Batusich, seconded by Trustee Henry Meader to adjourn. Motion carried by a Roll Call vote as follows: Trustee Batusich aye, Trustee Meader aye, Trustee Randich aye, Trustee Siegel aye, Trustee Kendziora aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED/AMENDED

Henry C. Meader, Secretary