

NORTH PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 12, 2022 – Via Zoom

(Unless otherwise noted all motions are all for, none against)

In attendance:

Brent Meade-President	Jeff Vaughan-Secretary	Ron Lundstrom-Treasurer	Joel Hallstrom-Chief
Brenda Hill	Attorney Noble	5 firefighters	

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Brent Meade.

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Ron made a motion to approve November's minutes, Jeff second with discussion motion carried unanimously.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron made a motion to approve Treasurers Report subject to audit including Expenses by G.L. Acct for November \$135,801.14 and open invoices of \$75,119.28 and Expenses for December \$109,108.76 and to pay open invoices of: \$61,982.56, Jeff second, with discussion motion carries unanimously. \$12,246.52 in outstanding checks.
3. **GUESTS:** None
4. **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you from Sandra Warner, Rate Determination from Illinois Department of Employment Security, Thank you from Rock Falls Fire Department. Discussion.
5. **PERSONNEL UPDATES:** 42 available firefighters for response. Total of 55 members. None injured. Ron made a motion to accept resignations of Bailey Jones effective November 29, Terminate Matt Fisher effective today, promote Matt Johnson to Captain effective November 10 and to appoint Andrew Ackerman, Austin Dippel, Akili Thomas, Kelsey VanPoucke and Jared Wright effective today pending completion of paperwork, background, physical and training, Jeff second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.
6. **CHIEF COMMENTS:** Call volume and major calls discussed. Nothing new on county dispatch. Grant updates including FEMA given. \$50,000 in Covid money from State pending. Recruit Academy discussed.
7. **EMS/AMBULANCE UPDATE:** Update given. Contract modifications discussed. Jeff made a motion to approve modification that adds another full time medic to allow us to run second ambulance during peak hours at a cost of \$81,730.04 per year, Ron second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.
8. **ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:** Unemployment rate is the lowest allowable. Discussion on Covid, chief stated we are following CDC guidelines. Illinois levy completed.
9. **TRAINING UPDATE:** Update given.
10. **DIVE TEAM UPDATE:** No update
11. **PENSION FUND:** \$495,098.36 in all accounts as of 12/31.
12. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Memorial Stone:** Table
 - B. **New Station Update, project with Village:** Harlem Road is being resurfaced in 2022, we can save a lot of money by putting in the water and sewer connections for the new station while this is being done. Discussion. Ron made a motion to authorize Brent to work on an Intergovernmental Agreement and bouncing off Attorney Noble, Jeff second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.
 - C. **Firefighter Reimbursements:** Report of how reimbursements were calculated submitted.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Training Expenses Owed: Brian Mayer owes \$650, Ryan Barker owes \$650, Dylan Myers owes \$437.10. Joel will work on.
- B. 2022 Banquet: Since Covid cases are increasing will cancel this year's banquet. Jeff made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 for awards to be given at a picnic, Ron second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.
- C. Minimum Wage Increase: Ron made a motion to approve \$1 per hour increase to the base wage effective December 26, 2021, Jeff second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.
- D. Closed Session Review: Jeff made a motion to keep minutes closed and to authorize the disposal of the recordings prior to June 1, 2020, Ron second. With discussion motion carried unanimously.
- E. Bond Issue: Discussion had on bond
- F. Tax Referendum: Discussion had on Bond and Tax Referendum at same time. Will need to recess meeting to discuss further.
- G. Apparatus/Purchases: Table
- H. Station Maintenance/Purchases: American Family is sending check to fix the fence at Harlem.
- I. Training Requests: Martin Quirk, VMO for \$300, Matt Fread, Martin Quirk, David Rosen, Andy Schroeder and Lauren Schultz to take VMT for \$250 each and Richard Steineke to take FAE for less than \$600. Jeff made a motion to approve \$2,150 for training classes, Ron second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Vrazsity posted: "In regards to the ambulance: What is the plan to retain basics to be able to staff the second ambulance. With the increase in minimum wage and inflation what is the plan for basics regarding wages? Are we looking to hire full time Basics for the primary ambulance? Since we are having issues staffing the ambulance currently. We are willing to strip our engine to 2 guys during the day time for a 2nd medical call when waiting times at the hospitals are 2+ hours to get a patient off of our cot? What happens when we get a house fire/extrication in our district with a 2 man engine company? What happens if our only EMT on the engine is our only Engineer for the engine that day?" Since this is an operational issue chief will answer directly.

15. CLOSED SESSION: None

8:31 P.M. Jeff made a motion to recess meeting to January 18 at 4:30 P.M. to discuss the Bond and Tax Referendums, Ron second, with discussion motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Vaughan
Treasurer Board of Trustees