

**NORTH PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**February 08, 2024**  
**Ramona**

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

In attendance:

Treasurer Ron Lundstrom	President Brent Meade
Chief Joel Hallstrom	Attorney Nate Noble

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. by Chairman Meade.

- 1) 1. RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ITEMS VOTED ON FROM NOVEMBER 2023, DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024 -Attorney Noble stated this was moot and should be cancelled from the agenda.
- 2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Lundstrom made a motion to approve minutes for previous meetings. Meade second. With no questions, motion carried unanimously. -Oath of Office given to Tim Freiberg by Nathan Noble – Sworn in as new member
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT: Total spent for the month \$185,024.45 Lundstrom made a motion to approve Treasurers Report. Meade second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- 4) GUESTS: None.
- 5) COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Discussed letter from South Beloit Fire/Rescue giving thanks for assistance while they attended the funeral of firefighter Cellitti's funeral.
- 6) PERSONNEL UPDATES: 64 Total personnel. 42 Available Firefighters for Response. 1 Firefighter on a Medical Leave. 4 Support Staff. 4 Administrative Staff. 2 Chaplains.11 in Fire Academy. No New Injuries. No New Retirements. Lundstrom made a motion to approve the resignation of Gracie Henthorn, and the appointments of the following members – Christyna LaMantia, Trent Ervin, Teddy Ervin, and Terrance Watkins. Meade second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- 7) CHIEF COMMENTS: Referenced January being an extremely busy month, with an average of 7+ calls per day. Referenced Deputy Chief Alms completing numerous (11) business inspections in January, with several scheduled for the near future. 231 Calls in January, yearly total for 2024 comes to 231.
- 8) EMS/AMBULANCE UPDATE: 122 total transports for the month.
- 9) ATTORNEY'S UPDATE: -Stated proposition was approved for tax free status. Currently working on a grant to aid in building costs

10) TRAINING UPDATE: Currently working on ladder, gear inspections, EMS education, pump panel training. Currently fourteen people in RVC Class hosted at our station

11) DIVE TEAM UPDATE: None.

12) PENSION FUND:

- A. Approval to pay for Actuarial Report from Lauterbach: Lundstrom made a motion to approve the invoice of roughly \$2000. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.

13) OLD BUSINESS

- A. New Station Update- -Currently on Review 3, review shows not proper foundation, would cause approximately a two week slide in beginning build. Discussed industry wide problem of reviewing and approving accurate plans for building. Working on HVAC contract, currently two open contracts
- B. Building Ordinance-Tabled, unsure of need
- C. Grant Contract -Wording on Consolidate Communications Grant, 10% match
- D. Department Efficiency Review  
Lundstrom made a motion to add Timothy Freiberg as required by statute to fill numbers. Meade second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- E. Real Estate Listing Review – Attorney Noble mentioned it might be wise to have other two properties re-appraised (commercial appraisal). Lundstrom made a motion for Attorney Noble to find new commercial appraiser (limit of \$3,500.00), to be approved by Chief, Meade second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.

14) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Board Member Officials –Lundstrom made a motion to nominate Timothy Freiberg as new secretary, Meade second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.

- B. Review of Meeting Dates  
Future Meeting Dates as Follows:  
March 14 (not 13th as previously indicated)  
April 25 (allows review of fiscal year budget)  
May 9  
June 13  
July 11  
August 8 (not 7<sup>th</sup> as previously indicated)  
September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12  
Lundstrom made a motion to approve date changes. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- C. Review of Pension Board Meeting Dates -None
- D. Discussion and Possible Action on Passage of Ambulance Billing Ordinance to Update Charges -Lundstrom made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023/24.3 to update billing charges. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- E. Discussion and Possible Action for and Ordinance Relating to Lift Assist  
-Lundstrom made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023 24.4, to update billing related to lift assistance as nursing homes/care facilities. Statement made that many nursing homes/care facilities call to simply lift a resident/patient off the ground as staff is leery to do so for liability purposes, would add a billing charge to provide such services. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- F. Equipment for 2<sup>nd</sup> Pickup  
Lundstrom made a motion to purchase equipment for 2<sup>nd</sup> pickup with purchase price not to exceed \$17,600.00. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- G. MSA Hub Accountability System Purchase  
Chief explained these mount in the vehicle and track people in building, safety precaution to ensure whereabouts are known. Lundstrom made a motion to approve purchase price of \$3,250.00. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.
- H. Desktop Computers Replacement  
Current system is 10+ years old, outdated and slow. Desire to purchase five new computers, would possibly buy more if new building shows need for additional  
Lundstrom made a motion to purchase, price not to exceed \$6,200.00. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.

I. Apparatus Repairs/Purchases (Including but not limited to the following) -None

J. Station Maintenance/Purchases -None

K. Training

a) Ice Rescue Class – Brick, McCoy, Watkins, Schwartz, Kennedy)

Lundstrom made a motion to approve 5 members at \$375.00/person for the Ice Rescue Course, may not take place if there is a lack of ice. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.

b) Incident Safety Officer – Schwartz

Lundstrom made a motion to not exceed \$1,200.00 for mileage and hotel stay for Incident Safety Officer Course. Meade Second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.

15) PUBLIC COMMENT: -Keith McDonald, stated there are currently 3 schools in the area with long-guns kept in safes to enhance public safety of students

**16) CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION & PERSONNEL  
PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(5) REAL ESTATE - NONE**

At 8:35 PM, Lundstrom made a motion to adjourn to next meeting on March 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Meade second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Freiberg  
Secretary Board of Trustees