

**NORTH PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**August 8, 2024**

**Ramona**

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

In attendance:

Treasurer Ron Lundstrom      President Brent Meade  
Secretary Tim Freiberg

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

1. **BADGE PINNING:** Two new personnel were sworn in.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Lundstrom made a motion to approve minutes for previous meetings. Freiberg second. With no questions, motion carried unanimously.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Total spent for the month \$565,277.70. Invoice #6 was paid for the new station construction. Freiberg made a motion to approve Treasurers Report. Meade second. Motion carries unanimously.
4. **GUESTS:** None.
5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
6. **PERSONNEL UPDATES:** 56 Total roster. 40 Available Firefighters for Response. Good potential for several RVC students involved in fire safety program to join force in next several months. No firefighters on a Medical Leave. 4 Support Staff. 4 Administrative Staff. 2 Chaplains. No New Injuries. Appointing W. Whiting to lieutenant. 2 resignations, A. Santiago to Rockford Fire Department and Nick Luebke. Chella and Weaver terminated for non-involvement. Lundstrom made a motion to approve the resignation of Kyle Slocum. Freiberg second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes. Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.
7. **CHIEF COMMENTS:** Call volume through end of May 2024: 175 calls for the month of July, 1315 for the year, 113 ahead of last year at this time. Discussed major calls.  
  
Scheduled September 14, 2024 as dedication ceremony for new fire station and October 12, 2024 as open house for new building.
8. **EMS/AMBULANCE UPDATE:** Discussion Had, 89 transports, 5 missed due to being out on other calls.
9. **ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:** No email responses to several inquiries to Winnebago County Board members as to bridge loan from Winnebago County. Would like to get McDonald involved to speak to members in reference to a response.

10. TRAINING UPDATE: Hose stretching, rope training and stroke symptoms training from Mercy Health.

11. DIVE TEAM UPDATE: Lining up training dates for 6 people for open water training.

12. PENSION FUND: Annual Audit is proceeding slowly.

13. OLD BUSINESS

A. New Station Update

a) Discussion and possible action regarding”

(1) Fob System Installation: Chief received three (3) quotes after reducing the number of doors to have FOB access, original quote was \$62,400.00, new quotes were Rockford Tech System: \$49,327.00, Audio Engineers: \$65,000.00, Other: \$93,000.00. Meade motion to approve in the amount of the quote for Rockford Tech System, Freiberg – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote: Freiberg & Lundstrom, yes, Meade, no, motion carries

(2) Flooring: Randy received information regarding flooring quotes 3 hours prior to meeting with no additional information available. Lundstrom made motion to approve flooring installation, not to exceed \$130,000.00, no second, motion fails for no second. Lundstrom made motion to approve carpet/LVT, not to exceed \$24,000.00, Freiberg, 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries unanimously. Additional flooring requests are held open as more information is needed regarding warranties, etc.

(3) Natural gas piping: Change order request for Complete Mechanical Solutions, tabled.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Apparatus Repairs/Purchases (Including but not limited to the following): None

B. Station Maintenance/Purchases: None

C. Training: None

15. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

16. **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LITIGATION & PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)** Entered closed session at 8:40, ended at 9:05, discussion records via audio device. Discussion held on personnel regarding potentially terminating a lieutenant for conduct involving female employees, discussion held with attorney Noble regarding proper handling.

Discussion held with real estate agent regarding two, current offers on the Harlem Road property. Two offers, Michalsen & Luongo, both at \$215,000.00, but need \$284,000.00 to meet legal requirements. Making “verbal” counter offers to both stating the amount needed to cover the 80% rule.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MOVED FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M. DUE TO CONFLICT FOR FREIBERG, INDIVIDUALS NOT PRESENT FOR CLOSED SESSION WILL NEED TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE CHANGED DATE/TME.**

At 9:10 PM, Meade made a motion to adjourn to next meeting on September 11, 2024 at 7:30 PM. Freiberg second. Roll call vote: Lundstrom-yes, Meade- yes, Freiberg – yes. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Freiberg  
Secretary Board of Trustees