

NEW LENOX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW LENOX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WILL, HELD AT FIRE STATION #1, 261 E. MAPLE STREET, NEW LENOX, ILLINOIS, IN SAID DISTRICT AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Trustees Roll Call:

Trustee Minger	P
Trustee Sauter	P
Trustee Levey	p
Trustee DiFiori	A
Trustee McCollum	p

Others Present:

Attorney John Motylinski, Chief Adam Riegel, Deputy Chief Dan Turner, Accountant Brad O'Sullivan, Marty Terlep, Linda Baaske.

The Monday meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2020. As of December 1, 2020, the beginning balance was \$5,776,827. The total receipts were \$1,145,044. The total disbursements were (\$1,433,292). The total ending cash balance as of December 31, 2020, was \$5,488,579. The payroll for January 15, 2021 was (\$120,971). Accounts Payable for January 2021 total (\$188,766). Cash on Deposit as of January 18, 2021 is \$5,178,842.

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum seconded by Trustee Levey to approve the December Treasurer's report as given and pay the outstanding bills for this month.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea
Trustee DiFiori – Absent
Trustee Levey – Yea
Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT

Brad O'Sullivan reported the Financial Analysis for 12 months ending December 31, 2020 and the Financial report ending December 31, 2020.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - By Trustee Levey

A motion was made by Trustee Sauter second by Trustee McCollum to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Lenox Fire Protection District on Monday, November 16, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea
Trustee Sauter – Yea
Trustee DiFiori – Absent
Trustee Levey – Yea
Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Vehicle report – the tower is still down; the warrantee work has been done. There are other issues currently being repaired. Insurance covered half of the tow bill.

Facility report – Denny is working with the architect on projects at station 3. The kitchen is original from 2003 and the side door needs to be replaced.

Administration report – three firefighters passed their one year but have left for other departments. He is working with Metro on staffing but its hard to find people. This is a problem not only on the contract side but also the district side. He has had more conversations in 18 days with the Metro staff (Heidi, Ted & Gina) then the entire time with AMR.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

2019 incidents were 4596, 2020 incidents were 4749 which is 153 more than last year. Fire Marshal Brown was sworn in for his second term as President of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association. False alarm fees for 2020 were \$3,280.00. Plan review fees for 2020 were \$7,550.00. Land Extraction fees for 2020 were \$52,573.65. Our 2020 educational Facebook posts reached 145,975 people.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Admin. Raises

A motion was made by Trustee Levey seconded by Trustee Sauter to approve the 2021 proposed raises.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea
Trustee Sauter – Yea
Trustee DiFiori –Absent
Trustee Levey – Yea
Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

B. Discussion/Possible Action on Chief Riegel Contract

Attorney Gilbert requested a signed copy of the contract that was discussed in the November Board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Levey seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the signed contract for Chief Riegel.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea
Trustee Sauter – Yea
Trustee DiFiori –Absent
Trustee Levey – Yea
Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

C. Discussion/Possible Action on METRO EMT's

Chief Riegel reported he has been working with Heidi at Metro. As of today, we are down 14 firefighters. We did hire three (3) but lost all three to other departments. Two (2) EMT's we hired did not pass the National test. Metro did raise the signing bonus to \$5,000.00. Metro is asking the board to hire three (3) EMT's.

Trustee Levey: If it works operationally for the Chief's I'm for it as they know the daily needs.

Trustee Sauter: Leave it up to the Chief's.

Trustee McCollum: Agree

A motion was made by Trustee Levey seconded by Trustee Sauter to add Three (3) EMT's.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori –Absent

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

D. Resolution No. 21-01 Surplus 2003 Pierce Dash

Chief Riegel stated this is the engine be bought from Lockport Fire Department in 2016.

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum seconded by Trustee Sauter to surplus the 2003 Pierce Dash.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori –Absent

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Marty Terlep reported the commissioners met January 7th and discussed upcoming testing and Lieutenant testing. The meeting dates for 2021 have been set. Their next meeting is this Wednesday at 8:30 am.

FOUNDATION REPORT

No report

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee DiFiori – Absent

Trustee Levey – Thank you everyone.

Trustee McCollum – Requested a list of all Foundation Donations. The Tribute the department did for former Trustee Glen Kron was wonderful.

Trustee Minger – All the donations the department has received for Glen Kron the Board can decide what we will do the money. Judy Niemann has also made several donations to the department.

Trustee Sauter – I commend the department for all the work done in 2020. Congratulations to Jamie Brown.

ROLL CALL: Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori – Absent

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Levey seconded by Trustee McCollum to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori – Absent

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Baaske", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda Baaske
Recording Secretary