# NEW LENOX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OCTOBER 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 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

#### Trustees Roll Call:

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

#### Others Present:

Deputy Chief Dan Turner, Linda Baaske, Marisa Schrieber, Brian Fisher, Battalion Chief Michael Parkhurst, FF/PM Tom Comise, Lt. Lucas Rettke, Ryan Ballard, Accountant Brad O'Sullivan.

The Monday's meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

# **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Project Fire Buddies** 

FF/PM Tom Comise presented a \$2,615.00 donation to Ryan Ballard of Project Fire Buddies. NLFPD is the 8<sup>th</sup> of 13<sup>th</sup> chapters in this program and currently has three (3) buddies that are critically ill children.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2021. As of September 1, 2021, the beginning balance was \$5,891,588.00. The total receipts were \$1,284,784.00. The total disbursements were (\$687,327.00). The total ending cash balance as of September 30, 2021, was \$6,489,045.00. The payroll for October 10, 2021 was (\$113,686.00). Accounts Payable for October 2021 total (\$344,706.00). Cash on Deposit as of October 18, 2021 is \$6,030,653.00.

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

# **ROLL CALL:**

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

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

# **ACCOUNTANT REPORT**

Brad O'Sullivan presented the financial report for September 2021.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting minutes for the September 20, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum second by Trustee Sauter to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Lenox Fire Protection District on Monday September 20, 2021.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Reported by Deputy Chief Dan Turner

Vehicle – Truck 61 has a problem with the Def sensor, the wait time for the part is 30 weeks. Lance and Chief Riegel are working with Cummings to see if the computer software can be updated.

Facility – Due to permit delays the concrete at Station 4 will be replaced next spring. The vendor will guarantee the price as they won't guarantee the work if the concrete is poured this late in the year.

### **DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

Plan review fees for 2021 are \$8,400.00. Land Extraction fees for the year are \$31,135.98. We have 8 homes in New Lenox Township that will require residential sprinklers. We currently have 29 buildings and/or tenant buildouts in various states of construction.

For the month of August our educational Facebook posts reached a total of 3,549 people. For the year, our total reach for education posts if 77,338.

We participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony for Patriot's Day (9/11). NLFPD and NLPD held the Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Game which the Fire Department won. Through the 50/50 raffle we are donating \$615 to Project Fire Buddies. We did 14 car seat installs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion/Possible action year 2 renewal Metro contract
 DC Turner stated he, Chief Riegel, Trustee Levey, and Heidi all met.

 Metro suggested increasing the starting pay to stay competitive.
 Remove six (6) positions from the contract since they can't fill them and replace them with district hires.

2-year agreement for \$2,876,360.89

A motion was made by Trustee Sauter second by Trustee McCollum to approve the 2-year agreement with Metro for \$2,876,306.89.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

B. <u>Discussion/Possible Action Authorizing the Appointment of Additional Firefighter(s)</u> Filling the six (6) open positions from the Metro contract. We had 35 in orientation and 25 left to interview after the testing.

A motion was made by Trustee DiFiori second by Trustee Sauter to authorize the appointment of additional firefighter(s).

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

C. Resolution #21-04 Surplus Hose
Hose damaged due to age and not passing inspection and some lost in a field fire.

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum second by Trustee DiFiori to approve Resolution #21-04 Surplus Hose.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

### STANDARDS OF COVER REPORT

Deputy Chief Turner reported today he met with the final shift regarding the SWOT. All shifts have been presented with the information. Everything is due back to him in November. Then we will work on the external SWOT.

### FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Brian Fischer stated testing was October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Interviews are this Wednesday & Thursday from 8:00 am to 9:15 am.

# **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Trustee Minger asked council to reach out to the Foundation for an update.

#### TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee DiFiori - None

Trustee Sauter - None

Trustee McCollum - Congratulations to the Fire Department on the softball game win. Asked if there is any update on the 9-1-1 center. DC Turner stated the Trustee's should have received the email update from Denise and he has a meeting at the center tomorrow.

**Trustee Minger** – Glad all the ambulance billing is up since we rely so heavily on these funds.

### ROLL CALL: Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**Trustee Minger** 

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**Trustee Sauter** 

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Trustee Levey Trustee DiFiori

Trustee McCollum

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum seconded by Trustee DiFiori to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Recording Secretary**