

NEW LENOX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2026

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 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

Trustees Roll Call:

Trustee Sauter	Present
Trustee Scanlan	Present
Trustee Fischer	Present
Trustee Popp	Present
Trustee Levey	Present

Others Present:

Attorney John Motylinski, Chief Adam Riegel, DC Randolph, Brian Fischer, Brad O’Sullivan, Ed Lavin, Laura Ward, BC Brian Applegate, LT Lucas Rettke, LT Zach Cook, FF Luke Wroblewski, FF Kyle Oehler, FF Paige Totosz.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s Report for December 31, 2025. As of December 1, 2025, the beginning balance was \$10,763,595.00. The total receipts were \$402,836.00. The total disbursements were (\$1,374,411.00) The total ending cash balance as of December 31, 2025 was \$9,792,020.00. The payroll for January 9, 2026 was (\$268,325.00). Accounts Payable for January 2026 total (\$357,178.00). Cash on Deposit as of January 19, 2026 is \$9,166,518.00.

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

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Scanlan	Yea
Trustee Fischer	Yea
Trustee Popp	Yea

Trustee Levey Yea
Motion carried with five (5) Yeas.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT

Brad O’Sullivan presented the financial report ending December 31, 2025.

Ed Lavin, with Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC, presented an Investment Performance Report ending December 31, 2025.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Trustee Scanlan presented the meeting minutes for the December 15, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Sauter second by Trustee Popp to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Lenox Fire Protection District on Monday, December 15, 2025.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Scanlan	Yea
Trustee Fischer	Yea
Trustee Popp	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

2025 Financial Audit has started.

Continued discussions with the village about a land swap for the land at St 5 location on Schoolhouse. A water tower for them and a training facility for us.

Commissioners are conducting their hiring process.

ISO is coming out February 3rd

DEPUTY CHIEF’S REPORT

We surpassed our estimated 6,000 calls this past year, with an increase of 439 calls over the prior year, the crews have been very busy.

There was a small fire at West Rock, a cardboard manufacturing facility on Thursday, which could have escalated quickly. Crews did a great job keeping it in check and getting it out. The district received positive feedback from West Rock management on the response.

Construction at Station 2 is continuing to make good progress. Northern has been very good at phasing construction to limit impact on crews.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Station 62 Budget and Bonds

After a meeting with Northern, they went through the budget to clarify the additions and estimates. The \$123,893 line item for additional site concrete paving, etc. is a worst case for the additional in repairs to the Maple Ave entrance and widening it; that line item is out for bid and they hope to come in under that. Trustee Popp included that the concrete and asphalt are in worse shape than originally though and to be safe/preventative for the future, it is best to get it done right while we are doing the work. The bond number would be in the ordinance at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Scanlan seconded by Trustee Fischer to approve the Station 62 Budget in the amount of \$3,100,000.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Scanlan	Yea
Trustee Fischer	Yea
Trustee Popp	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas

B. Discussion and Possible Action Stryker Cot

Lieutenant Rettke received a new Stryker Cot quote. Lifespan is 14 years and current one is past that. We have the Stryker lift system currently.

A motion was made by Trustee Fischer seconded by Trustee Sauter to Approve purchase of the Stryker Cot.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Scanlan	Yea
Trustee Fischer	Yea
Trustee Popp	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas

C. Discussion and Possible Action Instructing the Commission to Appoint Brian Applegate to Deputy Chief Position

The board created the second deputy chief position at the last meeting and now would be instructing the commission to appoint a candidate to that position. Current Battalion Chief Brian Applegate is recommended for the promotion to Deputy Chief. The official promotion would be done once contract is accepted and additional hires are made.

A motion was made by Trustee Scanlan seconded by Trustee Popp to Instruct the Commission to Appoint Brian Applegate to Deputy Chief Position.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Scanlan	Yea
Trustee Fischer	Yea
Trustee Popp	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brian Fischer gave a report from their last meeting, January 8, 2026 in which they conducted interviews of 15 candidates and approved the Initial Eligibility List. Their next meeting is Friday, January 23rd at 8:30 am to approve the Final Eligibility List.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS.

Trustee Sauter – None

Trustee Popp – Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Norther and DC Randolph for all the work on Station 2, it's going well.

Trustee Scanlan – Congratulations to soon-to-be Deputy Chief Applegate. The increase in calls and billing shows all the hard work of the crews and staff.

Trustee Fischer –Congratulations to Brian.

Trustee Levey – Congratulations to BC Applegate, well deserved. Thank you to Trustee Popp for all your hard work on the Station 2 building committee. Thank you to the crews, fire prevention, financial, administrative – this wouldn't work without everyone working together.

ROLL CALL: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Sauter	Yes
Trustee Scanlan	Yes
Trustee Fischer	Yes

Trustee Popp Yes
Trustee Levey Yes

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Popp and Seconded by Trustee Fischer at 6:40 PM

Motion Caried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Ward".

Laura Ward,
Recording Secretary