

NEW LENOX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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 TUESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

Trustees Roll Call:

Trustee Minger	Present
Trustee Sauter	Present
Trustee Levey	Present
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Present

Others Present:

Attorney John Motylinski, Chief Adam Riegel, Deputy Chief Dan Turner, Laura Ward, Marty Terlep, Brian Fischer, BC Ryan Hall, Accountant Brad O'Sullivan, Lt. Tom VanTilburg, FF/PM Jeremy Leahy, FM Jamie Brown, and Residents Eddie Skala and Rob Lach.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Possible Action Variance Request 993 N Vine and 1007 N Vine

Trustee Minger requested to address New Business Item A for the residents in attendance to be able to leave after the discussion. New Lenox Resident Eddie Skala presented his letter to the Board. He, along with his father-in-law, Robert Lach, purchased property in 2019 and recently (respectively) just north of the VFW in New Lenox township. While submitting permits, Will County recommended obtaining Fire District approval, which he later found out was in regards to the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance for building in unincorporated New Lenox, which he was unaware of previously. Mr. Skala continued to tell the board that he understands the importance of sprinklers and is not against them; however, after researching the prices for their homes, he has found they have increased by almost a factor of 5 since the ordinance was passed back in 2019. Then the prices were quoted around \$1.66 per square foot,

while he is getting quotes around \$6 per square foot. Mr. Skala requested a variance from the ordinance to have sprinklers installed in the furnace room and maintain a fire extinguisher in the kitchen.

Trustee Sauter asked if he had evidence to substantiate the costs he provided, and Mr. Skala provided copies of the quotes he obtained.

Trustee McCollum asked how far along in the Will County permit process they were currently, to which Mr. Skala responded he thought they were about 80% through, hoping to break ground in the spring.

Trustee Levey asked if they used a realtor to purchase the properties. Mr. Skala advised that their realtor is also an architect who was also unaware of the ordinance.

Trustee Minger stated that the board would take his provided information under advisement, meet with their attorney, and provide a letter with their findings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2022. As of January 1, 2022, the beginning balance was \$7,140,169. The total receipts were \$283,053. The total disbursements were (\$859,292). The total ending cash balance as of January 31, 2022 was \$6,563,929.

The payroll for February 11, 2022 was (\$160,998). Accounts Payable for February 2022 total (\$382,578). Cash on Deposit as of February 22, 2022 is \$6,016,772.

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

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT

Brad O'Sullivan presented the financial report for January 2022

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Minger to make Trustee Levey acting secretary pro tempore.
Meeting minutes for the January 17, 2022 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 January 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Vehicle – Dan and Lance picked up the new ambulance last month. We plan to have it in service by March. Engine 61 is having motor issues which the board was emailed about and would be discussed as a new business item to surplus.

Facility – The new alerting system is being installed; they should be finished this week. Then they will need to get it hooked up with dispatch. It should be finished within 2-3 weeks.

Administration – Not a whole lot new. The Commissioners have been busy with new hires – Thank you for all your diligent work.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

January our educational Facebook and Instagram post reach is up, reaching a total of 42,890 people on Facebook and 2,616 on Instagram.

False Alarm fees received \$1,964 and \$300 in plan review fees.

Heat Maps and graphs, which were missed last month, are maintaining the same areas. There is a February slump due to date not fully in yet, similar to last year. Our response time is down.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Chief's Contract & Evaluation.

Will be discussed in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Approval for Marisa Schrieber & James Brown to attend IFIA Conference

The cost for Marisa and Jamie to attend is over the nightly cap. The total for 3 nights would be \$332.64 each. The dates are March 22 – 25, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Sauter second by Trustee McCollum to approve Marisa Schrieber and James Brown to attend IFIA Conference.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

C. Resolution 22-01 Surplus 2009 Sutphen Pumper

Chief explained this is the engine he emailed the trustees about with regards to the motor issues. At first the repairs were quoted at \$51,000; however, after further inspection, a full motor replacement was quoted at \$50,000 to \$60,000. Based on the age of the vehicle, the repairs or replacement are not feasible. This engine is the zero percent load. Chief recommends to surplus the vehicle and pay off the loan.

A motion was made by Trustee Sauter second by Trustee Levey to surplus the 2009 Sutphen Pumper and sign Resolution 22-01.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

D. Discussion/Possible Action Station 3 Landscaping

Chief explained that the original retaining wall at Station 3 was crumbling with no structure support under it. Station 3 was built in 1986, and the landscaping is original to the building. BC Dennis Randolph obtained quotes from 2 different landscaping companies. To replace the wall would cost around \$40,000. He also obtained quotes to not replace the retaining wall, but to change it to flat scaping, and then painting the exposed brick. The lowest quote, from the landscaping company that has been used in the past for Station 1, came in at \$9,794 and they could begin in the spring/April.

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum second by Trustee Sauter to fix the landscaping at Station 3 with the flat scaping, instead of replacement.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas.

STANDARDS OF COVER REPORT

Deputy Chief Turner stated the external SWOT is done. Now looking at strategic objectives for weaknesses and opportunities.

FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Marty Terlep reported the commissioners met January 24th to commence the process to hire 6 new district employees and discuss revisions to the Commission Rules for Eligibility List testing requirements. The commissioners then met February 11th to finalize the Commission Rule revisions, extend the probation for Nicholas Bonnar, and extend conditional offers to 3 candidates. The commissioners then met again February 22nd to extend a final offer of employment to Matthew Allred and promote Jereme Leahy to Lieutenant.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Levey – Congratulations to Lieutenant Jereme Leahy on his promotion. Great job by everyone; public confidence is up.

Trustee Sauter – Echo Trustee Levey comments.

Trustee McCollum – Asked about 2021 tax filings with the IRS for the Fire Foundation if they were active in 2021.

Trustee Minger – Put Trustee McCollum in charge of the possibility of the fire foundation coming back. Seconded others comments, job well done, they received a letter from the mother of a young boy who was save.

ROLL CALL: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Trustee Minger	Yes
Trustee Sauter	Yes
Trustee Levey	Yes
Trustee DiFiori	Absent

Trustee McCollum Yes

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Levey seconded by Trustee McCollum to enter closed session at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried, and board went into closed session at 6:40 pm.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees returned to open session at 7:43 pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Trustee Sauter seconded by Trustee Levey to adjourn at 7:44 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Minger	Yea
Trustee Sauter	Yea
Trustee Levey	Yea
Trustee DiFiori	Absent
Trustee McCollum	Yea

Motion carried with four (4) Yeas, and meeting was adjourned 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Ward,
Recording Secretary