

NEW LENOX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MARCH 15, 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 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.

Trustees Roll Call:

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

Others Present:

Attorney John Motylinski, Chief Adam Riegel, Deputy Chief Dan Turner, Accountant Brad O'Sullivan, Linda Baaske, Battalion Chief Dennis Randolph, Lieutenant Brian Applegate, Firefighter Kevin Pena, Brian Fischer, Marty Terlep, James Brown, Michael Gillman, Ted Beskow.

The Monday's meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

Note – Per Motion made at 6:00 pm Special Board Meeting this meeting is being conducted by Trustee Joe Levey.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2021. As of February 1, 2021, the beginning balance was \$5,209,113.00. The total receipts were \$170,079.00. The total disbursements were (\$622,048.00). The total ending cash balance as of February 28, 2021, was \$54,757,144.00. The payroll for March 12, 2021 was (\$106,576.00). Accounts Payable for March 2021 total (\$292,693.00). Cash on Deposit as of March 15, 2021 is \$4,357,875.00.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas.

Trustee Minger asked the accountant for an analysis of when we can pay off the Village of New Lenox to be presented at next month's meeting.

**ACCOUNTANT REPORT**

Brad O'Sullivan reported the Financial Analysis for the month of February 2021.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Trustee McCollum requested a correction to be made to the minutes:  
Page 5 under Foundation Report change no meeting in the last year to "no meeting in the last 6 months".

A motion was made by Trustee Minger 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2021 with correction made.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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Motion carried with five (5) Yeas.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Vehicle report – the ambulance has been ordered; we beat the April price increase. The tower latter is back, a great portion of the repairs were covered under the warrantee.

Facility report – the 1<sup>st</sup> repair in the bay is done. With the walls disintegrating the recommendation is to repair the other two (2) bay doors.

Administration report – the grievance with the union was settled before arbitration.

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

The requests for service are up from this time last year, in 2020 we had 775 requests, and in 2021 we are at 792.

Plan review fees for 2021 were \$1,200.00. Land Extraction fees for February were \$3,471.00.

For the month of February, our educational Facebook posts reached a total of 11,673 people. We were awarded a \$500 grant from Dryer Vent Wizard.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Metro Paramedic Services**

Vice President Mike Gillman and Operations Manager Ted Beskow addressed the board. We are 2.5 months into our contract. In the beginning in January, you were 9 short, within a month you had 13 openings. Since the beginning we have had 33 interviews and as of today we have 3 openings. The state has gone to the National testing, but the paramedic programs have not changed their material, plus its difficult to get ride time with current covid protocols. We have raised wages, added a hiring bonus, plus a referral bonus at no additional cost to the district. Overall, within two (2) months Metro changed your open spots from 9 to 3.

Trustee Levey stated the board is very pleased with Metro, going from 1 interview with AMR in all of 2020 to 33 interviews in 2 months. We applaud you, keep up the good work, thank you.

#### **B. New Lenox Fire Protection District Foundation**

Trustee Minger stated he received a call from Marisa that boxes of raffle tickets were dropped off at the district office. The next day Skip was in Chief Riegel's office and saw a raffle ticket on his desk. He noticed that Tim Hartnell from Country Financial was listed as donating \$2,500 instead of his usual \$500. Trustee Minger had a phone conversation with Trustee Levey about the raffle ticket.

Trustee Levey called Tim Hartnell to thank him for his generous donation to the raffle, Tim indicated he had not made any donation to the foundation for the raffle. Tim stated if country financial is listed on the raffle ticket with out corporate approval they will sue the Foundation, he has no control over that.

Trustee Minger contacted Liz asking who did the printing of the raffle/preparing the envelopes. She indicated Inland did it and that she would call them and have it stopped from being mailed. Inland would hold on to the mailing.

Trustee Minger contact Old Plank Trail Bank as they have always donated to the raffle, they were never asked to donate to this year's raffle.



Tim Hartnell stated he donated \$2,500 to the Foundation in June of 2020 as a covid donation from Country Financial Corporate.

Trustee Minger had a discussion with the President of the Foundation. She indicated all the money will be refunded. All listed on the Raffle ticket were never told about it or donated to the raffle.

Trustee Minger stated for the record Tim Hartnell is not responsible for the raffle being stopped.

Trustee Levey asked Trustee Sauter & Trustee McCollum who sit on the Foundation board if either of them was aware of the raffle. Both answered no, there hasn't been a meeting since June.

Trustee McCollum stated he always reports to the Fire Department Board if there is a Foundation meeting, Tom and I haven't attended any meeting because with only three (3) members they never have a quorum.

Attorney Motylinski is currently investigation the Foundation bylaws.

Trustee Levey stated he has been asking for an audit for the last five (5) months.

Trustee Sauter asked council if the Foundation is separate from the Fire District.

Council answered Yes.

Trustee Minger stated we can not let the Foundation get sued, they are insured by the Fire Department.

Trustee Sauter do we have any say to alter the actions of the Foundation?

Council I am currently looking into if our two (2) board members are voting members.

Trustee McCollum said thank goodness Skip & Joe got involved and no harm has been done. We do have an opportunity to bring back pervious member of the Foundation.

Trustee Minger stated all raffle tickets were destroyed by the Foundation President.

### **C. Discussion/Possible Action on Extrication Equipment**

Chief Riegel stated that Lt. VanTilburg received a quote from EMC. Our current equipment is over 10 years old and there are no replacement parts available.

Trustee Minger asked if Chief Riegel could get a 30, 60, 90 payment option.

Chief Riegel doesn't believe that is an option when going through HGAC Buy.

Trustee Sauter does not believe that payment option would really make any difference.

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A motion was made by Trustee Sauter seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the purchase of Extrication Equipment for \$45,990.00.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori –Yea

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas.

**FIRE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Marty Terlep reported the commissioners March 11<sup>th</sup> and discussed three (3) new hires and IPCA for the Battalion Chief testing. The next meeting date is to be determined.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

No report

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

**Trustee Sauter** – You are all doing a great job, keep up the good work.

**Trustee Levey** – It was great to get the Standards of Cover report today. You can see dispatch is still having major problems. Chief Riegel replied Denise is aware of this report.

**Trustee McCollum** –Congratulations Battalion Chief Dennis Randolph on receiving Chief Fire Officer Certification.

**Trustee Minger** – Everyone has been doing a great job. I Thank Joe for conducting tonight's meeting. I also want to thank Battalion Chief Dennis Randolph for assisting the VFW gun raffle.

**Trustee DiFiori** -I echo what the trustees have said.

**ROLL CALL: Monday April 19, 2021.**

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori – Yea

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

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The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Monday, April 19, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee McCollum seconded by Trustee DiFiori to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Trustee McCullum - Yea

Trustee Sauter – Yea

Trustee DiFiori –Yea

Trustee Levey – Yea

Trustee Minger - Yea

Motion carried with five (5) Yeas.

Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Baaske  
Recording Secretary