

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Homer FPD
Minutes of March 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – by Trustee Flemming at 8:15a.m.

PLEDGE – lead by Trustee Flemming.

ROLL CALL: Chief Vrba, Deputy Chief Fonfara, Attorney Flaherty, Trustee Flemming, Trustee Kuzma via phone, Trustee Spontak, Accountant Howard, Secretary Olisar, a quorum was established. Others present – Lts. Windberg, Pucel, Kucaba, Krupa, FF/Paramedic D. Broniewicz.

APPROVAL - MINUTES – February 28, 2023 – Trustee Spontak motioned as presented, Trustee Flemming 2nd, discussions; all in favored – MC.

APPROVAL - FINANCIAL REPORTS – February 2023 – Accountant Howard briefed the board on said financials; Q&A session followed. Trustee Flemming motioned, Trustee Spontak 2nd, discussions; all in favored - roll call – 3 Ayes – MC.

CHIEFS REPORTS – Chief Vrba briefed the trustees with his operations for the month.

Personnel/Other –

- Two of the contract personnel have left: one to pursue a full-time position elsewhere and the other was let go due to disciplinary matters.
- There were 146 calls for February – 112 EMS & 34 Fire: YTD – 312 calls.
- The last candidate on the eligibility list – Andrew Weiss will start full time Monday March 27th.
- The chiefs met with the union. They are also present at today's meeting and will speak later during the closed session.
- A copy of the draft 23-24 budget is tentative to be on the agenda for April's trustee meeting. James will also receive a copy prior to the meeting.
- There is still a shortage of FF/Paramedics as a whole for many departments.

Apparatus update –

- 1725 had the fuel filter replaced. The ambulance is back in service.

Buildings –

D.C. Fonfara is researching a new hot water heater for station 1 and explained his reasonings. One quote from Meurer & Sons was 17K. He will be acquiring two more quotes. All agreed to go ahead with the repairs prior to the next trustee meeting.

Community Construction –

- Chief Vrba gave an update on the apartments, warehouses, and townhomes.
- Plans were received for Jersey Mike Subs going in by Pizza Hut.
- Plans were received for a shell building in Homer Glen Plaza by Pet Supplies across from Blueberry Hill Pancake House

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

- Tax objection law-suit update – He agrees the numbers are clearly not Northwest Homer's and over time, our attorney is confident it will get dismissed.
- Decennial Committee's law – department ordinance update – Attorney Flaherty will bring the paperwork to the May meeting for adoption.
- Other reports – Numerous bills were introduced. Among those relating to the department: Bid sealing going from 20 to 30K; Cameras in the ambulance; Charging for lift assists after 3rd visit to the same patient. More information will be available at the April trustee meeting.

TRUSTEES REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS –

- Union contract – to be discussed in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Approve renewal appointment of appointed pension board member – Jim Kuzma – 2-year term 2023-2025 to the pension board; motioned by Trustee Flemming, Spontak 2nd, discussions, all in favored – roll call – 3 Ayes – MC.
- Metro Contract renewal – “Second Amendment to Personnel Services Contract” as submitted with page 1 to be corrected to read ending “May 31, 2024”; Motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, discussions; all in favored – roll call – 3 Ayes – MC.
- Approve 2-28-23 closed session minutes – Trustee Flemming motioned to approve and keep closed, Trustee Kuzma 2nd, discussions; all in favored – roll call – 3 Ayes – MC.

CLOSED SESSION –

- At 8:45am Trustee Flemming motioned to go to closed session to discuss the current Union Contract collective bargaining matters, Trustee Spontak 2nd, all in favored – roll call – 3 Ayes – MC. At 9:26am, Trustee Flemming motioned to come out of closed session, Trustee Kuzma 2nd, all in favored – MC. The regular trustee meeting reconvened.

Next Trustee Meeting – April 17, 2023, at 8:00am

ADJOURNMENT - Motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, - March 20, 2023, regular trustee meeting adjourned at 9:30am – MC.


Respectfully submitted Trustee Spontak – Trustee/Secretary