

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Homer FPD
Minutes of March 18, 2024**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – lead by Trustee Flemming.

ROLL CALL: Chief Fonfara, Deputy Chief Windberg, Bureau Chief Vrba, Attorney Flaherty, Trustees Flemming, Spontak, Kuzma by phone, Accountant Howard, Secretary Olisar. A quorum was established. Others present: Lts. Pucel and Krupa, Bob Payne.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES– motion to approve January 22, 2024, minutes made by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, roll call: all Ayes – MC.

APPROVAL FINANCIAL REPORTS – motion to approve January and February 2024 financials presented by accountant Howard with further Q&A that followed then made by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, roll call: all Ayes – MC.

CHIEFS REPORTS – The Chiefs briefed the trustees with their reports for the month.

Chief Fonfara discussed:

- Calls - February 2024, 52 fire, 109 Ems, 161 total: YTD: 356.
- Personnel: Todd Fonfara took over as Chief Feb. 1, Bryan Windberg promoted to Dep. Chief on Feb. 26, Jonathon Roth Promoted to Lt. on 2/27, Jackson McIntyre started FT on 2/28, appointed Lt. Krupa to Pub Ed Coordinator on 3/7.
- Lt. Kucaba is doing tanker operations with crews: also looking into electric vehicle class training, as well as doing daily training with the shifts.
- Work comp insurance was reviewed by himself and deputy chief Windberg.
- Three candidates are left on the full-time eligibility list.

Buildings –

- D.C. Windberg stated a balance of \$14,731 remains for the roof. He is in conversations with the contractor and will report back with an update at the April trustee meeting.
- Chief Fonfara discussed future potential building projects and repairs Chief Vrba had outlined in extensive reports that were dispersed at prior meetings to the board.

Vehicles –

- Working through PM on the vehicles,
- We are still waiting for the new ambulance,
- Also discussed ordering an engine for next budget year. More information to follow,
- 1716 (1992 squad) is for sale. Chief Fonfara received an offer and is awaiting confirmation.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

- Attorney Flaherty contacted Victorian Village regarding the voluntary annual payment. He dispersed sheets. The department will be receiving \$72,843.00 (88.00 less than last year which was based on a decrease in facility capacity).
- OSHA changing to regulations on fire protection industries – adopting parts of NFPA rules-a standard guideline - changing ff fitness. More to follow as it becomes available.

- Legislative – the bills are getting out of the committee and being discussed – of interest: bidding for 30K: a bill that allows fire districts to accumulate funds. More information about what bills will be established.

TRUSTEES REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

- Approve/adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 Adopting Policy 1.24 Chief Officers – Chief Fonfara explained its contents. Q&A followed. Motioned by Trustee Spontak, 2nd by Trustee Kuzma, roll call: all Ayes – MC.
- 2024-25 draft budget – Chief Vrba had already compiled the reports prior to today’s meeting - handouts were dispersed.
- Metro current contract – spreadsheets were dispersed. Chief Fonfara explained in detail showing comparisons with surrounding towns. Q&A followed with recommendations passed on to the Chief. A new contract will be presented at the April meeting for review and approval.
- Reappointment of Stephen Spontak as trustee for the district – There were no objections from the board.

CLOSED SESSION – None

Next Trustee Meeting – April 15, 2024, at 8:00a.m. The board also agreed to move the May 20th meeting to May 13th.

ADJOURNMENT - Motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, - March 19, 2024, regular trustee meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. – MC.


Respectfully submitted - Trustee Spontak – Trustee/Secretary