

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Homer FPD
Minutes of April 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – by Trustee Flemming at 8:00a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – lead by Trustee Flemming.

ROLL CALL: Chief Fonfara, Deputy Chief Windberg, Bureau Chief Vrba, Attorney Flaherty, Trustees Flemming, Spontak by phone, Kuzma, Accountant Howard, Secretary Olisar. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

APPROVAL OF March 18, 2024 MINUTES–

motioned by Trustee Flemming,
Trustee Kuzma 2nd,
roll call: all Ayes – MC.

APPROVAL March 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS –

motioned by Trustee Flemming,
Trustee Kuzma 2nd, Q&A session followed,
roll call: all Ayes – MC.

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

- Calls for March 2024 - 163 (37 fire, 126 Ems) total YTD - 519.
- The Chiefs are reviewing the existing building/vehicle insurance and acquiring quotes that will be available for the May trustee meeting for the board's review and action.
- Bureau Chief Vrba has mostly prepared the new 2024-25 draft budget. Chief Fonfara stated the budget will allow for the part time hourly wages to go from \$24 to \$25 starting June 1st. He will also be doing fragmented steps afterwards.
- The next decennial meeting will be May 13th at 8:45am.
- Will County awarded the department a \$50K equipment grant.

Personnel –

- Crews are doing daily outside training.
- Lt. Krupa is the new Public Education officer. His first project was Fire Buddies that took place on Saturday April 20th. He will also be coordinating CPR classes, doing pub ed at the schools and various other projects in the community.

Buildings –

- Shift crews are doing updating both inside and out at the stations.
- The roof had minor leaks that were repaired.

Vehicles –

- The vehicles had routine maintenance performed.

Community –

- The Gas N Wash on 143rd and Gouger is moving along on schedule.
- Chief Fonfara stated there are no recent updates for: Gallagher Henry condominiums, additional buildings and apartments, and the property across from Blueberry Hill Restaurant.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

Various bills passed and ready to move to the house committee:

- OSHA updating regulations for fire protection industries,
- Legislative – bill for bidding from 20K to 30K will stay at \$20K with the exception: if purchasing directly from a dealer for goods it goes to 50K. Services will stay at 20K. This bill is going to the House next.
- mobile engraved health - allows paramedics to provide post ER care on a non-emergency basis in the home.
- Mandatory mental health coverage on health insurance,
- Putting funds aside in the ambulance and rescue fund,
- Water supply bill

More information to follow as it becomes available.

TRUSTEES REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS –

Draft 2024-25 budget – copies were emailed prior to the meeting. Q&A session followed. The tentative budget will be available at the May meeting. The June meeting will be a public hearing and adopting of the budget. The notice will go in the paper in May.

Metro contract – copies were emailed prior to the meeting. Chief Fonfara explained in detail its contents along with comparison sheets. Q&A followed. Shawn stated minor changes need to be addressed. An updated copy will be emailed prior and made available at the May trustee meeting for review and action.

NEW BUSINESS –

CLOSED SESSION – None

Next Trustee Meeting – May 13th

The June 17, 2024 trustee meeting will be moved to June 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT of April 15, 2024 Meeting –

Motioned by Trustee Flemming,
Trustee Kuzma 2nd,
Roll call: all Ayes – MC.



Respectfully submitted - Trustee Spontak – Trustee/Secretary