

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Homer FPD
Minutes of June 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – by Trustee Flemming at 8:18 a.m.

PLEDGE – lead by Trustee Flemming.

ROLL CALL: Chief Vrba, Deputy Chief Fonfara, Attorney Flaherty, Trustee Flemming, Trustee Kuzma, Trustee Spontak, Accountant Howard, Secretary Olisar: the board established a quorum. Others present: Lts. Krupa, Pucel, Windberg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC HEARING – opened at 8:19a.m. by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, for the proposed 2023-2024 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the Northwest Homer FPD, Ordinance 2023-03. No public was present: motion to close the public hearing at 8:20a.m. made by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Kuzma 2nd; all in favored – MC.

Adopt Ordinance 2023-03 - motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Kuzma 2nd, discussions; all in favored – roll call – Trustees Flemming, Kuzma, Spontak – 3 Ayes – MC.

APPROVAL - MINUTES – of May 15, 2023 – Trustee Flemming motioned as presented, Trustee Spontak 2nd, discussions; all in favored – 3 Ayes – MC.

- **APPROVAL - FINANCIAL REPORTS** – for May 2023 – Accountant Howard briefed the board on said financials presented; Q&A followed. Trustee Flemming motioned, Trustee Spontak 2nd, discussions continued; all in favored - roll call – 3 Ayes – MC. Secretary Olisar put together a sheet with the surrounding banking institution's name, their CD and money market rates along with durations for each. Talks continued pertaining to the district's capitol funds and managing a portion of funds in CD's, investment accounts through Edward Jones and a wealth management program through Harris Bank. More information will follow next month.

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

Personnel/Other –

- The Chief hired five new part-time personnel: four are going to the contract side.
- More updates will follow next month.
- The Chief also talked about re-establishing an eligibility list.

Apparatus update –

- The Chief discussed future equipment purchases as well as the current ambulance on order.

Buildings –

- Station 2's siding and soffit repairs along with the removal of asbestos is 99% complete. Lt. Windberg received one quote for Station One: asbestos removal (33,500.00), siding/soffit repairs (55,700.00), & roof repairs (149K). Priority first for this year will be bids for the asbestos and siding/soffit repairs. Lt. Windberg explained the process.

Community/Construction –

- The Villas of Old Oak are moving forward.
- Jersey Mikes is close to completion.
- Silver Cross Center is doing a 1st floor renovation.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

- Secretary Olisar will file Ordinance 2023-03 with the counties of Will and Cook and send it to the paper for publishing.
- House bills previously discussed, that did not get passed: increasing the bidding from 20K to 30K, and billing for lift assists.
- The legislation session is done until November.
- Discussed the current fire and pension funds and consolidation case.
- Discussed PEDA and the benefits for full time employees out with an illness or injury.

TRUSTEES REPORT – no report

OLD BUSINESS –

- Approve New Union Contract June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2027 – The Chief spoke on the changes made. Motion to approve made by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Kuzma 2nd, discussions: all in favored – roll call – 3 Ayes – MC.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Election of Officers – Trustee Flemming reiterated the positions. Trustee Kuzma motioned to keep the slate the same: Trustee Flemming as President, Trustee Spontak as Secretary, Trustee Kuzma as Treasure, Trustee Flemming – 2nd, discussions; all in favored - roll call – Trustees Flemming, Kuzma, Spontak – MC.
- Reappointment of Jim Kuzma as Trustee/Treasurer for the Department – Motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, discussions; all in favored – 3 Ayes – MC.
- Approve 5-15-23 closed session minutes – Trustee Flemming motioned to approve and keep closed, Trustee Spontak 2nd, discussions; all in favored – roll call – MC.

CLOSED SESSION –

Trustee Flemming motioned to go to closed session at 9:16a.m. to discuss personnel matters, Trustee Kuzma 2nd, all in favored – MC. At 9:45 a.m. the closed session ended and the regular trustees meeting reconvened. Trustee Kuzma motioned to approve the raises for Chief Vrba, Deputy Chief Fonfara and Secretary Olisar retroactive to June 1, 2023, Trustee Flemming 2nd, all in favored – roll call – Trustees Kuzma, Flemming, Spontak – MC. Ratification of the motion will be on July's agenda.

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

ADJOURNMENT - Motioned by Trustee Kuzma, Trustee Flemming 2nd, - June 19, 2023, regular trustee meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. – MC.


Respectfully submitted Trustee Spontak – Trustee/Secretary