

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Homer FPD
Minutes of October 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – by Trustee Flemming at 7:00a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – lead by Trustee Flemming.

ROLL CALL: Chief Fonfara, Deputy Chief Windberg, Attorney Flaherty, Trustee Flemming, Trustee Kuzma by phone, Trustee Spontak, Accountant Howard, and Secretary Olisar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Review/Accept & Approve September 9, 2024, MINUTES as submitted – motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, roll call: 2 Ayes, Trustee Kuzma abstained – MC.

Review/Accept & Approve September 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS from Accountant Howard – Q&A followed, motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2nd, roll call: 2 Ayes, Trustee Kuzma abstained – MC.

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

- Calls for Sept 2024 – 166. Chief Fonfara dispersed stat sheets that displayed current and prior years of the various calls run. Q&A followed.

Personnel –

- Chief Fonfara brought on three new part-time personnel.
- Open House was held Saturday October 12 at station 2.
- During October, the shift crews are going to the schools with the safety trailer for Fire Prevention. Our Public Education coordinator continues to send fire prevention awareness by going to the various businesses in the community as well.
- Department personnel collected the required information needed for GEMT and forwarded it to Accountant Howard, who will submit the 2024 GEMT cost report.
- The third Di centennial committee meeting is today at 11:00am. This also entailed personnel gathering information to complete the reports.
- A Blue Cross Insurance representative is coming out to go over renewal rates this Friday Oct. 25th at station 1. Chief Fonfara stated the increase is approximately .9964.
- Workers Comp (IL Public Risk) sent over a refund check for \$3,968.00 from their August in-house audit.

Buildings –

- The department is currently in ISO review entailing department personnel gathering information for the insurance rating.
- Final minor renovations are being implemented for station 1.

Vehicles

- D.C. Windberg stated the hose cover tarp has been replaced on the truck and back in service.

Community -

- The chiefs stated there are no new construction projects to report. The Booth parking lot renovations are nearly complete.
- Chief Fonfara gave a brief update on events happening around the area.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT –

The veto session is in the 2nd and 3rd week of November. Trustee training will take place January 31 and Feb. 1 (the Northern Alliance for trustees) in Lombard. This information and other classes can be found on the IAAPD.org site.

TRUSTEES REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Review/Accept and Approve Annual Audit report/receipts & disbursements for FY end 5/31/24 prepared by NFP Audit & Tax, LLP – Accountant Howard went through the report with the board. Q&A followed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Flemming,
Trustee Spontak 2nd,
roll call: 2 Ayes, Trustee Kuzma abstained – MC.

Review/Accept and Approve Annual Treasurers report prepared by Government Accounting for FY end 5/31/24 – Accountant Howard went through the report with the board. Q&A followed.

Motion to approve by Trustee Flemming,
Trustee Spontak 2nd,
roll call: 2 Ayes, Trustee Kuzma abstained – MC.

Draft levy – Accountant Howard went through the draft levy with the board. Q&A followed. The final copy with a 4.9% increase will be put on the November agenda. Motion made by Trustee Spontak, 2nd by Trustee Flemming - that the board made a finding – they will not comply with the truth and taxation, the publication, or public hearing, roll call: 2 Ayes, Trustee Kuzma abstained – MC.

The board received draft copies of the 2025 trustee meeting dates.

CLOSED SESSION – None

Next Trustee Meeting – November 18, 2024, 8:00am.

ADJOURNMENT of October 21, 2024, Meeting at 7:39am,

Motioned by Trustee Flemming,
Trustee Spontak 2nd, – MC.


Respectfully submitted - Trustee Spontak – Trustee/Secretary