

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Homer FPD*  
**Minutes of November 14, 2023**

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

**PLEDGE** – lead by Trustee Flemming.

**ROLL CALL:** Chief Vrba, Deputy Chief Fonfara, Attorney Flaherty, Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak, Trustee Kuzma via phone, Accountant O’Sullivan, Secretary Olisar. The board established a quorum.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for Tentative 2023 Levy for the Northwest Homer FPD** – opened at 8:03a.m. by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attorney Flaherty briefed the board on said tentative levy. Being no public were present, the public hearing was closed at 8:04a.m. by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favored – MC.

**APPROVAL - MINUTES** – of October 16, 2023 – Trustee Spontak motioned as presented, Trustee Flemming 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussions; all in favored – MC.

**APPROVAL - FINANCIAL REPORTS** – for October 2023 – Accountant O’Sullivan briefed the board on said financials presented; extensive Q&A session followed regarding ambulance collections. Trustee Flemming motioned, Trustee Spontak 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussions; all in favored – Roll call - 3 Ayes noted – MC.

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

*Personnel/Other* –

- Staffing and future goal sheets were dispersed.
- Part time candidates continue to be pursued for employment.
- The grant reward of \$104,999 was received.
- The annual grant check of \$1000 from IL American Water has not been received yet.
- The Will County Arpa funds of \$50,000 earmarked for pass through technology are pending.
- A severance pay sheet was dispersed showing Chiefs figures. Q&A followed. The topic will be further discussed at the December trustee meeting.

*Apparatus update* –

- 1724 went in for an oil leak repair.
- 1711 encountered a deer while on a call on 355 – no major damage.
- General monthly in-house PM was done on the vehicles.

*Buildings* –

- Sheets were dispersed showing current replacement costs of projects on the buildings.
- Chief Vrba and Deputy Chief Fonfara briefed the board on the status of the major station renovations and what is still outstanding with time frames for each.

Community/Construction –

- Stone Oak Way (Pebble Creek) house fire with major damage: undetermined at this time and under investigation.
- The project at 143<sup>rd</sup> and Gougar is moving forward.
- Deputy Chief Fonfara talked about the ground project in progress in front of St. Bernards.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** –

- The veto session is done until next year.
- Once the Levy is adopted, Secretary Olisar will file originals with both counties.

**TRUSTEES REPORT** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** –

Lieutenants list – Chief Vrba and Deputy Chief Fonfara updated the board on the timeline of the process: Q&A session followed.

Full time eligibility list/testing - Chief Vrba updated the board on the timeline – 7 apps came back, 6 showed for the test, 4 passed and interviews next scheduled. The final eligibility list is scheduled to be approved December 11, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- Adopt 2023 Levy Ordinance 2023-06 – motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussions; all in favored – Roll call - 3 Ayes noted – MC.

**CLOSED SESSION** –

Trustee Flemming motioned to go to closed session at 8:40a.m. to discuss personnel matters, Trustee Spontak 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favored – MC. At 8:58a.m., the board reconvened the regular trustee meeting.

Next Trustee Meeting – December 18, 2023, at 8:15a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motioned by Trustee Flemming, Trustee Spontak 2<sup>nd</sup>, - November 14, 2023, regular trustee meeting adjourned at 8:59a.m. – MC.

  
Respectfully submitted - Trustee Spontak – Trustee/Secretary