

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 14, 2023
MINUTES**

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bernardoni at Station #1, 8611 S. Roberts Road, Justice, Illinois, for the purpose of conducting all regular business of the District, proper notice having been given and posted accordingly.

Secretary Stratakos led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

President Brian A. Bernardoni

Secretary Steve Stratakos

Treasurer (Vacancy)

Deputy Chief Chris Spoo

Commissioner Ken Osborne

Commissioner Tim Dooley

Administrative Advisor Don Fontana

Absent: Fire Chief Ketchen and Commissioner Ron Weszelits

Others Present: Recording Secretary Berger, On-Duty FF/PMs, Attorney Nelson-Jaworski

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

None.

OPEN FLOOR

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments.

Hickory Hills resident, Christopher Knights addressed the Board regarding a donation to the Justice Park District, of an amount “not to exceed \$1,000,” which was approved by the Roberts Park FPD at the January 10, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Knights expressed concerns of the Fire District donating tax-payer funds to support a neighboring tax district’s programs, when the Fire District funds should be used to support its own programs, i.e. public education, and purchasing necessary equipment needed for daily operations of firefighting and rescue.

Secretary Stratakos responded to Mr. Knights, stating the approved amount was \$500, and intended as community outreach between the taxing bodies. Stratakos was unaware of any requests by other taxing bodies and welcomed opportunities to support programs within the Fire District that would benefit both Hickory Hills and Justice residents.

With no further comments, President Bernardoni closed the floor for public comment at 6:05 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None received.

BOARD APPROVAL

Minutes

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to accept the Open Session minutes of January 10, 2023. Seconded by President Bernardoni. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable/Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made by President Bernardoni to accept the Accounts Payable/Treasurer's reports for the month of January 2023. Accounts Payable January 2023: \$389,976.48. Payroll for the month of January 2023: \$221,862.99. Seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Budget Review

No report.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Ketchen:

No report.

Deputy Chief Spoo:

Incident Counts January 2023 – 356 total incidents (70% EMS); Tollway 13 responses (5 w/in our Fire District); Lyons Twp: 178 responses with 39 in the Trace, and 24 in Sterling Estates; Palos Twp: 137 responses.

Software – We have transitioned to MetroPCR for EMS reporting.

Grants – Applied for two AFG grants (\$700,000 for an Engine; \$17,000 for an SCBA Fit Tester).

Operations – Box cards for 2023 have been finished, published and go into effect March 1st.

Career Development – Attended an Immediate trauma care instructor course and will be attending a Rescue Task Force Instructor Course.

Accepted into a “New Executive Chief Officer” course at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.

Commissioners:

The Board of Fire Commissioners have no new business.

Attorney: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Seconded by President Bernardoni. Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Open Session Minutes prepared by: Lisa Berger, Office Manager

Approved: 3/14/2023