

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 9, 2021
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 Trustee Lorenz 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.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Patrick Lorenz, President
Trustee Steve Stratakos, Secretary
Trustee Brian A. Bernardoni, Treasurer
Fire Chief Jeff Ketchen
Deputy Chief Jeff Dees
Commissioner Tim Dooley
Commissioner Ron Weszelits
Commissioner Ken Osborne
Administrative Assistant Don Fontana

Others Present: Station #1 On-Duty Officers and FF/PMs

Absent: Attorney Ryan

OPEN FLOOR

Trustee Lorenz opened the floor for public comments. Having no further comments from the audience, Trustee Lorenz closed the floor for public comment at 6:01 p.m.

BOARD APPROVAL

Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Stratakos to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 8, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Lorenz. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Trustees Stratakos, Bernardoni and Lorenz. Nays: None
Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Trustee Bernardoni to accept the Accounts Payable reports for the months of December 2020, and January 2021. Seconded by Trustee Lorenz. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Trustees Bernardoni, Stratakos, and Lorenz; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Bernardoni to accept the Treasurer's reports for the months of December 2020, and January 2021. Seconded by Trustee Lorenz. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Trustees Bernardoni, Stratakos, and Lorenz; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Budget Review

Chief Ketchen updated the Board on the current budget with no outstanding issues.

REPORTS

Chief Ketchen:

Southwest Central Dispatch – Fire Chief Ketchen reported he and Battalion Chief Spoo met with representatives from SWCD to discuss the possibility of entering into an agreement for dispatch services.

Collective Bargaining Agreements – The agreements for the Battalion Chiefs, Lieutenants, and firefighters all expire on April 30th and we plan to begin the negotiation process shortly.

New Reserve Engine – The refurbishment shop has communicated that the engine is on schedule and looks like it should be completed near the end of February to mid-March.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget – The budget preparation for the coming fiscal year has begun.

Tollway Reconstruction Progress – The reconstruction of the 87th Street overpass is set to begin in the summer. There will be traffic congestion and temporary total closures of the intersection. Chief Ketchen will be working on contingency plans for emergency responses to ensure expedient responses to all calls for help.

Fire Activity – In recent weeks, Roberts Park has responded to numerous fires both in and out of the District. It seems these incidents always occur on the coldest nights. Chief Ketchen praised our members for always conducting themselves in a professional manner making him proud to lead this organization.

Deputy Chief Dees:

Grants – Battalion Chief Spoo has compiled and submitted our AFG.

Fire Prevention – Twenty inspection activities in the month of January 2021.

Software – No update.

Policy and Procedure Review and Update – No update.

Incident Counts – Calendar Year 2020: 4102 - Last month: Incidents 366 with 283 being rescue/EMS incidents. COVID suspected: 346; Confirmed: 113 (since 3/1/2020).

Commissioners:

The Commissioners will hold a special meeting tonight to discuss the upcoming testing process and the promotional exam process.

Attorney:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Trustee Patrick Lorenz, effective April 1, 2021. Trustee Lorenz has served on the Roberts Park FPD Board for 16 years.

2021 Trustee Meeting Calendar

The Board approved the 2021 Trustee Meeting calendar schedule. Posting of the schedule will be on the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**GOOD OF THE
ORDER**

Trustee Bernardoni acknowledged the resignation of Trustee Lorenz, and thanked him for his service to the District and the community.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Stratakos to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Bernardoni. Ayes: Trustees Bernardoni, Stratakos, and Lorenz; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Open Session Minutes prepared by: Lisa Berger

Closed Session: None

Approved: 3/9/2021