

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 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)

Fire Chief Jeff Ketchen

Deputy Chief Chris Spoo

Commissioner Ron Weszelits

Commissioner Tim Dooley

Administrative Advisor Don Fontana

**Absent:** Commissioner Ken Osborne

**Others Present:** Recording Secretary Berger, On-Duty FF/PMs, Attorney Luane Galovich, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS**

None.

**OPEN FLOOR**

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments.

With no further comments, President Bernardoni closed the floor for public comment at 6:01 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None received.

**BOARD APPROVAL**

*Minutes*

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to accept the Open Session minutes of February 14, 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 February 2023. Accounts Payable February 2023: \$184,141.17. Payroll for the month of February 2023: \$195,196.55. Seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President

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Bernardoni; Nays: None; Motion carried.

***Budget Review***

No report.

**REPORTS**

***Fire Chief Ketchen:***

***Union CBA*** – The Teamsters Local 700 CBA is finalized and prepared for signature.

***Fleet Status*** – Tower 305 is back in service after a turbocharger replacement. Ambulance 307 is scheduled for some minor bodywork. The new battalion car has been placed in service.

***2014 Interceptor Sedan*** – The 2014 Ford Taurus has been out of service for the better part of a year, and will be sold as surplus under sealed bid at the next meeting of the Board. Bids will be accepted until March 31, 2023.

***Training*** – Roberts Park personnel logged 796 hours of training in the month of February.

***Brookfield Truck*** – The District has been presented with the opportunity to purchase a used aerial truck from the Village of Brookfield. We have sent it to our repair shop for a comprehensive mechanical evaluation.

Other than some minor issues, it has received a clean bill of health, and with the approval of the Board, an offer of purchase will be made before the end of the month.

***Budget Preparation*** – Budget preparations are underway for FY 2023-2024. Department heads are submitting budget requests now for consideration.

***Deputy Chief Spoo:***

***Incident Counts January 2023*** – 341 total incidents (82% EMS); Tollway 9 responses (4 w/in our Fire District); Lyons Twp: 190 responses with 72 in the Trace, and 17 in Sterling Estates; Palos Twp: 122 responses.

***Grants*** – Awaiting response from FEMA.

***Operations*** – Implementation of Box cards for 2023 has been pushed back to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

***PPE*** – Gear inspection completed by FF LaRocco.

***Commissioners:***

The Board of Fire Commissioners have no new business. The next quarterly meeting will be held April 11, 2023.

***Attorney:*** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Re-Appointment***

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to re-appoint Don Fontana to the Pension Board. Seconded by President Bernardoni. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

***Vehicle Acquisition***

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to approve the purchase of the Emergency One Aerial Truck from the Brookfield Fire Department, as is, for a cost not to exceed \$16,000. Seconded by President Bernardoni. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

***Ordinance 2023-O-01***

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to accept the Ordinance No. 2023-O-01, an Ordinance amending the Charging Fees for Emergency Medical Services by the Roberts Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois. Seconded by President Bernardoni. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

***Union Contract***

After a lengthy negotiation period that led to Arbitration, the District has received a final contract from the Union for signature.

A motion was made by Secretary Stratakos to accept the Teamsters Local 700 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024. Seconded by President Bernardoni. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

None.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

President Bernardoni attended the NIAFPD conference in Springfield, noting the Fireworks legislation is expected to pass in the State of Illinois.

**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: April 12, 2023*