

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026
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 Dan Borst

Chief Christopher Spoo

Commissioner Tim Dooley

Commissioner Ron Weszelits

Others Present: On-Duty and Off-Duty FF/PMs, OM Stacey Collaros,
Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

President Bernardoni acknowledged the guests in attendance and the family of Commissioner Osborne.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments at 6:01 p.m.

Motion to open the floor for public comments was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried

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

Motion to close the floor for public comments was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

BOARD APPROVAL

Minutes

Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes of July 14, 2026, Special Meeting Session Minutes of June 30, 2026 and Special Meeting Session Minutes of July 28, 2026 was made by Treasurer Borst and seconded by Secretary Stratakos.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Accounts Payable/Treasurer's Reports

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report as presented for July 2026 was made by Treasurer Borst and seconded by Secretary Stratakos (Accounts Payable July 2026: \$271,776.57; Payroll July:

\$268,902.18). Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Financial Report/Budget Review – July 31, 2026

Review of the Financial Report by James Howard, Governmental Accounting, by video call.

An overview of the Financial Report was presented for the 3 months ending July 31, 2026 at 25% through the fiscal year. Revenues were at 13% due to awaiting tax distributions. Other revenues are on track. Total expenses were at 24% of budget, with personnel and payroll on track. He reviewed the accounts and fund breakdowns. Expenses that are shown as over budget are due to timing and payouts at the start of the fiscal year. Mr. Howard stated that we are drawing on reserves as we await tax revenues.

Chief Spoo commented that we are approved for the Bridge loan and commented on the payroll payouts with respect to BC Anderson's retirement.

Investment Report – July 31, 2026

Chief Spoo summarized the report and stated that we are up YTD \$23,000; and MTD \$4300. Sawyer Falduto will be in attendance at next month's board meeting.

REPORTS

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Chief Spoo summarized his report:

He thanked all the members currently working through another round of storms.

Personnel:

- Chief Spoo congratulated Martina Pereyra for passing her paramedic exam.

Finances:

- The district applied for the Bridge loan in the amount of \$1.3 million. The district was notified today that we were approved. A special meeting may be necessary in order to complete the paperwork.

Community Risk Reduction:

- We attended the National Night out in Hickory Hills and co-hosted a fundraiser for SD 117's PTA and raised over \$700 in two hours with the dunk tank.
- Hosted the Illinois Fire Inspectors FLSE monthly meeting.
- Hosted senior chair yoga with Aging Care Connections.
- Hosted a girl scout's car wash.
- FF Flood and Lt. Scanlon attended a Steps to Safety Train the Trainer program.

Pension:

- Pension board approved L&A to run the numbers showing the long-term impacts of increases in full-time staffing.
- The net pension position held in trust for pension benefits as of June 30, 2026: \$14,375,283.23 up \$273,000 from the beginning of the year.

President Bernardoni thanked Lt. Scanlon for her efforts on social media, reinforcing our presence in the community. He also thanked the members for their hard work and dedication during the recent storms and difficult traffic situations.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Dooley stated that with the retirement of Commissioner Osborne, Commissioner Weszelits will assume the position of secretary and he will assume the position as president. Commissioner Dooley stated that

they reviewed the new hire list with Chief Spoo. Their next meeting is scheduled for October and they again thanked Commissioner Osborne for his dedication and years of service.

Attorney:

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion to accept the appointment Mike Blidy as a new member to the Board of Fire Commissioners was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried.
- B. Presentation of 20+ Year Service Recognition and the Retirement of Commissioner Kenneth Osborne. Chief Spoo presented Commissioner Osborne with a plaque.

Secretary Stratakos administered the Official Oath to Commissioner Michael Blidy.

- C. Notification was stated of the rescheduled BOT meeting dates for September and October: September 15, 2026 & October 20, 2026.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments at 6:22 p.m.

Motion to open the floor for public comments was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried

With no comments, questions, or concerns, President Bernardoni closed the floor for public comment at 6:22 p.m.

Motion to close the floor for public comments was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Open Session Minutes prepared by Stacey Collaros, Office Manager

Approved: September 16, 2026