

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 13, 2024
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 Ken Osborne

Commissioner Tim Dooley

Administrative Advisor Don Fontana

Absent: Commissioner Tim Dooley

Others Present: On-Duty FF/PMs, Attorney with Del Galdo Law

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

None.

OPEN FLOOR

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

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

BOARD APPROVAL

Minutes

Motion to accept the Open Session Minutes of June 11, 2024, was made by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by President Bernardoni. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable/Treasurer's Reports

Motion to accept the Accounts Payable reports for the month of June and July 2024 by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by President Bernardoni. Accounts Payable June 2024: \$79,280.89; Accounts Payable July 2024 \$22,855.43. Treasurer's Report unavailable at the time of this meeting.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Budget Review

Received as submitted.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Ketchen

Received as submitted.

Deputy Chief Spoo

Incident Counts for June 2024 – 421 total incidents (71% EMS)

32 Invalid Assists

25 MVAs

Aid Given vs Received – 30/32

Tollway: 10 responses (7 w/in our Fire District)

Lyons Twp: 245 responses with 68 in the Trace, 41 in Sterling Estates, 6 in Ashbury Woods

Palos Twp: 147 responses

Forest Preserve: 1 response

Incident Counts for July 2024 – 429 total incidents (75% EMS)

37 Invalid Assists

26 MVAs

Aid Given vs Received – 32/22

Tollway: 4 responses (1 w/in our Fire District)

Lyons Twp: 269 responses with 62 in the Trace, 44 in Sterling Estates, 4 in Ashbury Woods

Palos Twp: 123 responses

Forest Preserve: 10 responses

Grants – **AFG** - Awaiting decision.

Operations – The District is still awaiting feedback from ISO; Completed Medicare CMS Data Collection.

Communications/IT – New alerting system is up to date and running; new internet service obtained; Microwave connection remains down.

SWAT – Assisted Palos Heights with an arrest warrant in Chicago.; Attended Palos Hills Friendship Fest and Willow Fest in a standby capacity.

MISC – Front sign has been repaired and is working.

Commissioners: The Commissioners invited Fire Chief Ketchen and Deputy Chief Spoo to attend their quarterly meeting, following the conclusion of the 8/13/24 Trustees' meeting.

Attorney: Counsel for the District requested the parcel numbers for the old roadway adjacent to Roberts Road and 87th to proceed with the land acquisition.

NEW BUSINESS

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the period May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2027, was made by President Bernardoni, seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Battalion Chiefs' agreement was tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS

Motion to accept the final report on the Decennial Committee, was made by Secretary Stratakos, 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

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. was made by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by President Bernardoni. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Open Session Minutes prepared by Lisa Berger, Office Manager

Approved: Pending Approval