

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 11, 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)
Deputy Chief Chris Spoo
Commissioner Ron Weszelits
Commissioner Tim Dooley
Administrative Advisor Don Fontana

Absent: Fire Chief Jeff Ketchen, Commissioner Ken Osborne

Others Present: Recording Secretary Berger, On-Duty FF/PMs, Atty. Terry Casey

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 May 14, 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/Treasurer's reports for the month of May 2024 by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by President Bernardoni. Accounts Payable May 2024: \$128,744.58; Payroll, May 2024: \$351,799.55. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, President Bernardoni; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Budget Review

None.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Ketchen

No report.

Deputy Chief Spoo

Incident Counts for May 2024 – 449 total incidents (75% EMS)

38 Invalid Assists

19 MVAs

Aid Given vs Received – 23/25

Tollway: 11 responses (5 w/in our Fire District)

Lyons Twp: 250 responses with 75 in the Trace, 29 in Sterling Estates, 6 in Ashbury Woods

Palos Twp: 168 responses

Forest Preserve: 5 responses

Grants – AFG - Awaiting decision.

Operations – The District is still awaiting feedback from ISO; Fire at Delicious Creations that displaced three businesses and several apartments in Hickory Hills; Host testing completed.

Training – Crews participated in life fire training with North Palos FPD; Crews practiced hose lead-outs again at Sunset Lakes; Three members took classes including First-In Company Officer, Advanced Technician Firefighter, and Trench Operations.

Communications/IT – Sustained a lightning strike that took out the microwave antenna, cable modem, phone And alarm systems. Internet and phones are back online. Awaiting technician to replace microwave antenna; New Alerting equipment was setup but needs further work.

SWAT – Assisting BV with standby at a concert this weekend.

MISC – Foreign Fire Tax Board approved funding for a kitchen/dayroom remodel project; BC Sherman and LT Latimer are still working on repairing the front sign.

Commissioners: No report.

Attorney: No report.

NEW BUSINESS***Collective Bargaining Agreement***

The District and union members have come to an agreement and expect to have a final copy for signature at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Battalion Chiefs' agreement is pending final negotiations and is expected to be presented for signature at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

UNFINISHED**BUSINESS**

None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Notice will be posted to cancel the July 9, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 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: 8/13/2024