

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 9, 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

Executive Advisor Jeff Dees

Commissioner Ron Weszelits

Absent:

Commissioner Tim Dooley – prior notice given

Commissioner Ken Osborne – prior notice given

Others Present: On-Duty and Off-Duty FF/PMs, OM Stacey Collaros, Attorney Vlado Vranjes

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

None.

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 Treasurer Borst and seconded by Secretary Stratakos.

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

2024 Annual Tax Increment Finance Report for the Village of Justice (TIF #2,4, & 5). Chief Spoo commented that they are in compliance with posting the TIF reports.

President Bernardoni asked about road construction updates.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE No. 26-O-02

President Bernardoni read aloud the legal notice and opened the floor for the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

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

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

Motion carried

The Board members thanked Chief Spoo for having the budget prepared in a timely manner. Chief Spoo mentioned that proper notice has been published.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 26-O-02 An Ordinance Providing for the Budget and Appropriation of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026 and Ending April 30, 2027.

President Bernardoni thanked the members and staff for their efforts on the budget and for a possible referendum in the near future.

A scrivener's error was noted by President Bernardoni, noting that the word "Fire" was missing from the Roberts Park Fire Protection District. President Bernardoni asked for a motion to pass ORDINANCE NO. 26-O-02A, to correct the error. A motion to accept ORD 26O-26A was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 26-O-02, An Ordinance Providing for the Budget and Appropriation of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026 and Ending April 30, 2027 was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried

BOARD APPROVAL

Minutes

Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes of May 12, 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.

Motion to table the Executive Session Minutes of March 10, 2026 and May 12, 2026, was made by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by Treasurer Borst. 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 May 2026 was made by Treasurer Borst and seconded by Secretary Stratakos (Accounts Payable May 2026: \$219,921.51; Payroll May: \$260,518.02). Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Financial Report/Budget Review – May 31, 2026

Review of the Financial Report by Tom Coughlin, Governmental Accounting, by video call.

An overview of the Financial Report was presented for the 1 month ending May 31, 2026 at 8% through the fiscal year. Revenues were at 3% and expenses were at 7.5% of budget. Property tax money is reported to be late again with no distributions for this fiscal year yet. He reviewed the account and fund breakdowns.

Chief Spoo commented on the budget and stated we are only 1 month into the fiscal year. Several expense items, including Dues and Subscriptions are high due to being timed for payment at the start of the fiscal year.

Investment Report – May 31, 2026

Chief Spoo reviewed the investment report and noted the comments from Sawyer Falduto. There were no deposits to the Schwab account this month.

REPORTS

Fire Chief's Report:

Fire Chief Spoo presented his report:

Incidents: May 2026

- Total incidents: 385
- 65% EMS
- 55 Invalid Assists
- 18 MVA's in District
- Aid Given/Received: 13/21
- I294: 15 Responses
- Lyons Township: 236 Responses
- 56 in the Trace
- 35 in Sterling Estates
- 4 in Ashbury Woods
- Palos Township: 125 Responses
- Forest Preserve: 2 Responses

Personnel:

- FF Herrera and FF Dvorak are both cleared for full duty.
- Waiting on a candidate to complete her CPAT.
- BC Anderson has announced his retirement. His last day is July 4th, and cake and coffee will be on July 10th from 1-4 p.m.

Finances:

- Looking for feedback from the Board regarding consultants for public engagement and possible special meeting.
- Intend to enter into a 3-year financing agreement with Air One Equipment for the purchase of 30 sets of PPE. Quote is lower than HGAC contract ~\$120,000.
- Intend on moving forward on a roof repair to stop leaks in the living area.

Grants:

- Received a grant from OSFM for the purchase of thermal imagers. Awaiting the final paperwork from the state.
- With the approval of the budget, I will be contacting the grant writer to begin working with us. There are grants that we are not aware of can hopefully bring in additional money.

Operations:

- Tower 305 is back from repair (again). It is waiting for one more part and will be ready to go back into service.
- EMS QA program has been implemented
- Working with Christ Hospital on a way to track patient outcomes

Training:

- 742 Training Hours Completed
- Two members completed Active Shooter Incident Management Advanced course offered by IFSI and MABAS 21

- One members completed Trench Technician course offered by IFSI
- Crews attended 3 days of firefighter rescue training at Bedford Park
- Congratulations to Part-Time Firefighter Ryan Jones for passing his paramedic test

Community Risk Reduction:

- The Hickory Hills Street Fair will be June 28th
- Attended the Justice Park District's first summer festival
- Taught CPR to all Hickory Hills Park District staff
- Recertifying Justice PD and dispatch
- Attended 8th grade career fair at Conrady Jr High
- With the help of Fire Prevention, assisted Rosary Hill with planning and carrying out a large scale fire drill
- Hosted a 6th birthday party for our fire buddy
- A member attended the Illinois Fire Inspection Association monthly Pub. Ed. Several departments showed interest in the programs that we have started.

Fire Prevention:

- Received a draft IGA from Mayor Howley for fire inspections. Will meet one more time to discuss a couple of additional items before moving forward.
- The City of Hickory Hills voted to allow fog burglary deterrent devices. Thank you to them for consulting with us prior to acting on this.
- Fire Inspector did not need to testify at the Village of Justice administrative hearing. An agreement was reached between the parties.

Pension:

- Wrapping up elections for retired member position
- In the process of submitting required documentation for the annual IDOI statement
- Current net position is \$14,103,627.60, which is the highest seen by the current pension board

SWAT:

- No Callouts, but summer is here and I will be busy with quick response force stand-by missions for various community special events.

Misc.:

- Our phone system is back up at both stations. Overhead paging and the elevator emergency phone are the last remaining items scheduled to be switched over to the new service.
- Chief Spoo will be out of town starting July 1st and will be back in town on July 9th.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Weszelits stated that they are working through a testing process for both the full-time firefighters and promotion tests. They will work through and discuss next month at their regular quarterly meeting.

Attorney:

No Report.

POLICY REVIEW

Executive Advisor Jeff Dees thanked the Board for the opportunity this last year to come back and assist Chief Spoo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to certify the IAFPD credentials and Proxy for the Annual Meeting of the membership of the association was made by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.

Motion carried

President Bernardoni will be in attendance at the IAFPD conference. President Bernardoni stated that the governor's Built Plan failed and asked that it be on the record to thank the fire service.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments at 6:37 p.m.

Motion to open the floor for public comments was made by Treasurer Borst and seconded by Secretary Stratakos. 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 6:37 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

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 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: July 14, 2026*