

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
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

Fire Chief Chris Spoo

Commissioner Tim Dooley

Commissioner Ken Osborne

Commissioner Ron Weszelits

Advisor Don Fontana

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

None.

OPEN FLOOR

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments at 6:02 p.m. With no comments, questions, or concerns, President Bernardoni closed the floor for public comment at 6:03 p.m. Motion to close the floor was made by Secretary Stratakos, 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 August 12, 2025, 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 table the Executive Session Minutes of September 10, 2024 and March 11, 2025, 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 accept the Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report as presented for the month of August 2025 was made by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by Treasurer Borst. (Accounts Payable August 2025: \$189,150.61 Payroll August 2025: \$251,956.48) Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Financial Report – August 31, 2025

Financial Report was recapped by Chief Christopher Spoo. Noted in the report: a \$30,000 gain on investment, GEMT billing, past-due Medicaid and collection services recovered revenues.
Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented for the month of August 2025, was made by Treasurer Borst, seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Budget Review

Chief Spoo recapped the Budget Report. The Budget Report was received as submitted.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Spoo:

Fire Chief Report was received as submitted.

Commissioners:

The Commissioners stated that they are awaiting responses to the Promotional Testing process for Battalion Chiefs and Lieutenants. Testing is scheduled to begin in December.

Attorney:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The two proposals for EMS Ambulance billing collections were recapped by Chief Spoo.
Motion to approved the proposal from Life Line Collections for EMS billing collections was made by Treasurer Borst, seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Bernardoni opened the floor for public comments at 6:22 p.m. With no comments, questions, or concerns, President Bernardoni closed the floor for public comment at 6:23 p.m. Motion to close the floor was made by Secretary Stratakos, seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None.
Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Bernardoni commented on meetings he attended in Peoria regarding the fire service. Topics covered included IT protection, hacking incidents, compliance and training.

The next regularly scheduled BOT meeting will be rescheduled to account for the Chief attending a conference. Rescheduled date will also accommodate the audit presentation for the district by Lauterbach and Amen. The new date is October 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Motion to open a closed session was made at 6:27 by Secretary Stratakos and seconded by Treasurer Borst. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

The open session reconvened with all Trustees present.

Motion to reopen the meeting and return to open session was made by Treasurer Borst and seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. was made by Treasurer Borst seconded by Secretary Stratakos. Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Secretary Stratakos, Treasurer Borst, President Bernardoni; Nays: None. Motion carried.

*Open Session Minutes prepared by Stacey Collaros, Office Manager
Approved October 21, 2025*