

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HELD THE 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024
AT INVERNESS FIRE STATION #36
35 ELA ROAD, INVERNESS, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inverness Fire Protection District was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

A roll call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Trustee Aaron Del Mar, Trustee Robert McKanna, Trustee Gerald Chapman. Chief Kurka was also present.

Following the pledge of allegiance, it was noted there were no public questions or comments for the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to approve Items #1-5 of the Consent Agenda:

- Item #1 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2024
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes - None
- Item #3 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending - January 31, 2024
- Item #4 – Approval of Bill List and expenditures - \$116,244.41
- Item #5 – Approval of additional bills - None

The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee Del Mar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes. The motion passed.

Chief Kurka reviewed items contained in the Chief's Report.

- There were 104 calls in January, of which 74 calls were for EMS.
- Thanks to FF Maxwell for conducting CPR training for the Inverness Village and Police staff, as well as completing mobility training.
- Thanks to FF Sherbon for getting the vehicle computers updated.
- Thanks to Black Shift for their response to a gas leak in December.
- The transition to new accounting software is underway; Marjean is still working on creating financial reports from the new system.
- The new InvernessFPD.org website is live.

Chief Kurka indicated that meetings to review the renewal of the Village of Palatine agreement need to be scheduled; Trustee Del Mar stated he will participate in these meetings. Chief also reported on an upcoming planning and zoning meeting, labor management meeting, promotional testing, and his recent attendance at the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts (NIAFPD) conference.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to approve a stipend for Acting Chief in the amount of – to be determined. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. It was noted that there is no backup information provided in the board packet. Trustee Del Mar amended the motion to table this item for a future item. The amended motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. Discussion included obtaining best practices from other fire departments, and whether this is a Collective Bargaining issue that needs to be negotiated. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee Del Mar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes. The motion to table the issue passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to enter Closed Session at 9:27 a.m. to discuss Personnel Issues per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 and Collective Bargaining per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2 as part of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee Del Mar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to leave Closed Session at 9:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee Del Mar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:46 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee Del Mar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2024.

Approved this 11th day of March 2024, by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Del Mar, McKanna, Chapman

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

Aaron Del Mar
President
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman
Secretary
Inverness Fire Protection District