

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HELD THE 8th DAY OF APRIL 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 9:00 a.m.

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

Following the pledge of allegiance, Trustee McKanna nominated Trustee Chapman to act as President Pro-Tem for this meeting. Trustee Chapman seconded the motion and a vote showed 2/0 approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Chapman to enter Closed Session at 9:01 a.m. to discuss Closed Session minutes for approval per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21, 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 McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee Chapman to leave Closed Session at 9:05 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes. No action was taken during the closed session.

A motion was made by Trustee Chapman to approve Items #1-6 of the Consent Agenda:

- Item #1 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2024
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024
- Item #3 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024
- Item #4 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending – March 31, 2024
- Item #5 – Approval of Bill List and expenditures - \$92,086.02
- Item #6 – Approval of additional bills - \$ (none)

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

During Public Comments, Lt. Tony Christie stated the Union looks forward to negotiations and they are ready to begin any time. The Board plans to begin in June.

Financial- A motion was made by Trustee McKanna to ratify the reinvestment of approximately \$935,000 of Treasury Bills, allowable under the District's Investment policy, for a maximum length of 6 months to capitalize on current interest rates available in the market. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote taken with Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes. The motion passed.

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

- There were 97 calls in March, of which 68 calls were for EMS.
- The average response time continues to improve.
- Overtime continues to be low, primarily covering people taking classes.
- Reviewed calls of interest and training from March as well as Staff updates.

- Ambulance collection revenue is improving.
- There has been one meeting regarding the contract with Village of Palatine; another meeting is upcoming.

A motion was made by Trustee McKanna to reappoint William Murray as Fire Commissioner for a 3-year term starting May 1, 2024 going until May 1, 2027. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman and a vote showed 2/0 approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Chapman to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-250 as a utility truck from Victor Ford, for a cost not to exceed \$54,500. It was noted that the price given was through the Sourcewell contract, of which we are now a Sourcewell member, and meets bid requirements. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee McKanna to renew Chief Kurka’s employment contract for a 3-year term. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman and a vote showed 2/0 approval.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee McKanna to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:22 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with 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 May 13, 2024, followed by the Pension Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Approved this 13th day of May 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