

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HELD THE 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2023
AT INVERNESS FIRE STATION #36
35 N. 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 Aaron DelMar, Trustee Robert McKanna, Trustee Gerald Chapman. Chief Kurka was also present.

There were two employees present. There were no questions or comments for the Board.

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

- Item #1 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2023
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – None
- Item #3 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending – March 31, 2023
- Item #4 – Approval of Bill List and November expenditures - \$406,840.73
- Item #5 – Approval of additional bills – \$7,634.98

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

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

Probationary FF/PM Eric Clausen started work on April 3rd. Lt. Pete Retuerto retired on April 3rd. FF/PM Mike Tortorelli tendered his resignation and his last day with the District will be April 13th. He will be working for the Orland Park FD.

FF/PM Seth Myers is first on the Lieutenant's promotional list, and will take Lt. Retuerto's spot on Black Shift. With all the staffing changes, the District will have three vacancies. The next three candidates on the Entry Level Eligibility List will finish paramedic school in June. Chief Kurka expects to extend offers of employment to those three candidates and then send them to the fire academy, once they have been hired.

Lt. Jon Arthur's father passed away at the end of March.

The Department's family Easter party was held on April 1st.

RPM crews will be participating in Live Fire training next week.

Discussion was conducted regarding the recent information Chief Kurka received regarding the possible annexation of property at the southeast corner of Lake-Cook Road and Quentin Road, involving one parcel currently on the District's tax rolls. Chief Kurka will contact the Attorney and Deer Park officials regarding the matter of emergency services coverage, and report back to the Board.

Discussion was conducted regarding the pending purchase of an engine and tender for the District. Chief Kurka explained some recent developments with price changes after the vehicle committee met with HME representatives. The Board would like staff to compare the pre-pay savings to what the District could earn as interest on the money if the District chose to take advantage of higher interest rates over the proposed build time for the vehicles. The Trustees asked staff to review changes that were made to the vehicles, and look for possible cost savings. The Board also asked staff to work with the District's FFIB to see if some of the changes could be paid for by the Foreign Fire Insurance Board.

Discussion was conducted regarding the time frame for spending the capital improvement bond money. Staff will inquire as to stipulations in place for actually spending the money, versus money designated for purchasing vehicles that have a production time that might exceed the spending time frame. Staff will also discuss the matter of arbitrage with Bond Counsel.

Discussion was conducted regarding potential members for the District's Efficiency Committee. Staff will provide the Trustees with a "job description" for the position. The matter will be placed on the May meeting agenda. The Committee has to be established by June 10th, which falls before the regularly scheduled June 12th Board Meeting.

Discussion was conducted regarding the proposed Fund Balance Resolution. A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Resolution 2023-005, A Resolution Establishing a Fund Balance Policy for the Inverness Fire Protection District as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to appoint Mr. Tim Tiedje to the District's Board of Fire Commissioners for a three-year term ending May 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

Staff will forward any information to the Trustees as it relates to continuing education for 2023.

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 9:48 a.m. The

motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar 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 May 8, 2023.

Approved this 8th day of May, 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: DelMar, McKanna, Chapman

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Aaron DelMar
President
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman
Secretary
Inverness Fire Protection District