

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HELD THE 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 was no one present from the public. 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 – August 14, 2023
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – None
- Item #3 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending – August 31, 2023
- Item #4 – Approval of Bill List and expenditures - \$90,607.81
- Item #5 – Approval of additional bills – \$162.37

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. The motion passed.

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

The annual open house was held last Saturday and was very well attended.

The employment application period has closed and sixteen completed applications were received along with two that were incomplete.

The white 2015 Ford Interceptor was sold through Obenauf Auctions and over \$7,000 was collected from the sale.

Upcoming events include a retirement luncheon for Dawn Andrlik on Friday, September 29 and the annual awards dinner is set for December 1, 2023.

A reminder that the first Efficiency Committee meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m. An agenda will be prepared and information sent to all the committee members prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Resolution #2023-007 authorizing the release of closed session minutes and the destruction of closed session audio recordings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. Trustee Chapman indicated that he had reviewed all the closed session minutes. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes. The motion passed.

The District's current ambulance fee schedule has been in effect since 2017. Details of a program known as GEMT were reviewed with the Trustees. It is the Board's intent that the District maximize revenue collected, but not at the expense of uninsured residents. Staff was directed to have Andres notify the District if it is found that a resident does not have medical insurance. One requirement of the GEMT program is that a single rate be charged for every transport, instead of one rate for a Basic Life Support (BLS) call, and a different rate for Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls. An updated Ambulance Fee Ordinance will be prepared for the Board's approval in October.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Resolution #2023-008 authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program. 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. The motion passed.

It was indicated that staff is beginning work on the annual budget and requested direction from the Board on the upcoming Tax Levy. The County has not yet finalized their estimate or released the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). The Board directed to request the maximum allowable by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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 9:36 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 October 9, 2023.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: DelMar, McKanna, Chapman

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

Aaron DelMar  
President  
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman  
Secretary  
Inverness Fire Protection District