

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HELD THE 11th DAY OF MARCH 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 9:01 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 - February 12, 2024
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes - tabled to next meeting
- Item #3 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending - February 29, 2024
- Item #4 – Approval of Bill List and expenditures - \$83,037.67
- Item #5 – Approval of additional bills - \$2,485.27

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 109 calls in January, of which 82 calls were for EMS.
- An EF-1 tornado touched down in Inverness on February 27<sup>th</sup> causing some damage to homes and trees but no injuries.
- Firefighter Winder has applied to be on the Advisory Committee at Northwest Community Hospital.

Chief Kurka indicated that the first meeting to review the renewal of the Village of Palatine agreement is scheduled for this Wednesday. The Chief stated that the window to apply for a SAFER grant opened today and is set to close April 12. The Board has no objections to evaluating the need for increased staffing, and inquired if there were any other opportunities that could benefit a smaller department such as ours. Chief Kurka also mentioned that his contract is due to expire in October and was asked to supply documentation for this to be discussed next month during Closed Session.

A motion was made by Trustee McKanna to approve the Foreign Fire Insurance Board requests dated January 31, 2024 to purchase items for a total of \$316.00 as presented. 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 motion passed.

Fire Commissioner Bill Murray's term is due to expire May 1, 2024. The Board will need a letter from Commissioner Murray requesting reappointment if desired. Topic tabled to next month.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to enter Closed Session at 9:24 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 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 9:52 a.m. 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. No action was taken during the closed session.

Approval of the February 12, 2024 Closed Session minutes are to be amended and resubmitted for approval at the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Chapman to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:53 a.m. 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 next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2024, followed by an Efficiency Committee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: McKanna, Chapman

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Del Mar

Aaron Del Mar  
President  
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman  
Secretary  
Inverness Fire Protection District