

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALATINE RURAL
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HELD THE 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021
AT PALATINE RURAL FIRE STATION #36
35 N. ELA ROAD, INVERNESS, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

A roll call was taken, and the following Trustees were present and in person at Station #36: Robert McKanna. Trustees Aaron DelMar and Matt Moffitt attended via video conferencing. Chief Kurka and Deputy Chief Mohr were also present and in person at Station #36.

Trustee DelMar opened the floor for public comment. There were ten employees present at the meeting. Firefighter/Paramedic Seth Myers presented information to the Board regarding a name change for the District, and asked that the Board consider changing the District's name to the Inverness Fire District. Lieutenant/Paramedic Tony Christie also spoke in support of a name change for the District.

The Board thanked all the employees who attended today's meeting in support of the presentation made by FF/PM Myers and LT/PM Christie regarding a name change for the District. The Board asked Chief Kurka to contact the District's Attorney to discuss the possibility of the District changing its name, and report back to the Board at the January meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Item #1 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2021
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2021
- Item #3 – Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2021
- Item #4 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2021
- Item #5 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending – November 30, 2021
- Item #6 – Approval of Bill List and monthly expenditures – \$559,921.83

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

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

The Chief reported that the District will have a Swearing in Ceremony on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m. for Lieutenant Pete Retuerto, FF/PM John McDermott, FF/PM Kristopher Mallo, FF/PM Brandon Sherbon, and FF/PM Tony Graf. Lieutenant Retuerto was promoted in April of 2021, but due to COVID restrictions did not have an official swearing in ceremony at that time. The other four employees all began their careers with Palatine Rural during 2021 and had to delay their official swearing in due to

COVID restrictions. Chief Kurka is looking forward to resuming this very important acknowledgement and recognition for each of these employees.

Chief Kurka updated the Board as to the District's staffing. The District received notice that Probationary Firefighter Mitchell Hightower is resigning his position with the District to take a position with another area fire department. His last day will be December 24th. The District will have two vacancies as of December 25th. The Board of Fire Commissioners will start the entry level firefighter testing process in January, with the posting of a final list anticipated in March.

Deputy Chief Mohr updated the Board regarding the FY 2022 budget. Trustee McKanna thanked Deputy Chief Mohr for his work on the budget and tax levy.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Resolution 2021-006, A Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Post Employment Healthcare Fund of the Palatine Rural 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 Moffitt voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Resolution 2021-007, A Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Capital Reserve Fund of the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District, as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moffitt. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Moffitt voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Ordinance 2021-003, An Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of Palatine Rural Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois for 2021, 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 Moffitt voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Ordinance 2021-004, An Ordinance Giving the Cook County Clerk Direction Related to the 2021 Tax Levy, as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moffitt. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Moffitt voting yes.

Discussion was conducted regarding the upcoming Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection District's Annual Conference. All three Trustees indicated they would attend the Friday sessions. Staff will take care of the registrations.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to enter Closed Session at 8:30 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 Moffitt. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Moffitt voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to leave Closed Session at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moffitt. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Moffitt voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve the collective bargaining agreement with Palatine Rural Local #3764 as negotiated and 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 Moffitt voting yes.

The Board of Trustees and representatives of the Local #3764 Executive Committee signed the new Agreement.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee DelMar to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:03 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moffitt. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Moffitt voting yes.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 8:00 a.m. on January 10, 2022.

Approved this 10th day of January, 2021, by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _DelMar, McKanna, Moffitt_____

NAYS: _____0_____

ABSENT: _____0_____

Aaron DeMar
President
Palatine Rural Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Matt Moffitt
Secretary
Palatine Rural Fire Protection District