

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
HELD THE 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 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 9:07 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 and Recording Secretary Marjean Diercks were 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 McKanna approve Items #1-5 of the Consent Agenda:

- Item #1 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024
- Item #3 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending - September 30, 2024
- Item #4 – Approval of Bill List and expenditures - \$264,234.37
- Item #5 – Approval of additional bills - none

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

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to approve transfers totaling \$1,282,000 from the Schwab Bond account ending in 2286 to the Cornerstone Bank Bond account ending in 0178 in anticipation of payment of new Fire Engine and Fire Tender apparatus. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee Del Mar voting yes, Trustee Chapman voting yes, and Trustee McKanna voting yes. The motion passed.

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

- There were 94 calls for service in September, of which 63 calls were for EMS.
- Dave Miller started on September 30th.
- This month's service anniversaries include Tim Strok at 20 years and Jason Maxwell at 17 years of service.
- We expect that the new fire engine will be delivered by the end of October.

Chief Kurka indicated that several policies including the outside training policy need to be updated. The Board requested that changes be presented to the Trustees for review and have the Board vote to approve the following month.

Chief attended a class on best practices for accreditation. Discussion included cost estimates for accreditation, how often it would need to be renewed, and the possible benefits. Accreditation does not impact insurance rates like ISO ratings.

Chief Kurka has been selected to become an executive board member for the Bridge. The Trustees approved the appointment.

When responding to a call the ambulance was involved in another minor incident; the vehicle's mirror hit and damaged the mirror on an Inverness Police car. We have paid for the repair on the police car and the ambulance driver will have disciplinary action including a driving course at a local community college.

The tentative budget has been prepared and is ready if anyone from the public wishes to review it. The budget public hearing notice was published in accordance with the 30-day requirement; the public hearing is scheduled for November 11th at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to suspend the regular board meeting for the Decennial Committee on Efficiency at 9:30 a.m. 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 resume the regular board meeting following the Decennial Committee on Efficiency at 10:00 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to approve the Employment Contract for Fire Chief 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Board of Fire Commissioners budget request 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.

There was discussion on the upcoming Tax Levy; the Trustees directed staff to move forward.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to approve two HME Change Orders for the engine and tender in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 for changes that are not cosmetic in nature. 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to enter Closed Session at 10:08 a.m. to discuss 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 10:45 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.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Del Mar to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:46 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 November 11, 2024.

Approved this 11th day of November 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