

**GLENSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 5:30 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
President Kosiara called to order the regular meeting for Glenside Fire Protection District Board of Trustee's at 5:40 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:
The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was recited and led by Administrative Assistant Haiden.
- III. ROLL CALL:
Present were President Kosiara, Trustee Olsen, and Trustee Osborn. Trustee Osborn requested that the meeting minutes reflect that Chief Wood, Deputy Chief Cassady and Attorney Flaherty were present. Bradley O'Sullivan for Controller Howard was conferenced in by telephone call.
- IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TRUSTEES MEETINGS
The regular session meeting minutes for the Board of Trustee's meeting held on January 12, 2021 were presented for review and acceptance.

Trustee Olsen motioned to accept, approve and file the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kosiara. Trustee Kosiara asked the record to reflect that there was unanimous approval of the motion with all members in attendance voting.

The closed session meeting minutes for the Board of Trustee's meeting held on January 12, 2021 were presented for review and acceptance.

Trustee Kosiara motioned to accept, approve, file and release to the public the closed session meeting minutes of January 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Olsen. Trustee Kosiara asked the record to reflect that there was unanimous approval of the motion with all members in attendance voting.

- V. FINANCIAL REPORTS
- A. Controller's Report
Mr. O'Sullivan covered the first nine months of the fiscal year ending January, 2021 and covering 75% of the fiscal year. He noted that 99% of the estimated revenues have been received from the County so far. Operating expenditures for the month of January were also reviewed for the board. Reserves for the District are in a good position for the

year so far, but the surplus monies need to last the District the remainder of the fiscal year. There were no questions or concerns.

Trustee Kosiara motioned to accept and file the Controller's Report as presented and pay all accounts payables and payroll as presented for January in the amount of \$425,196.96. The motion was seconded by Trustee Olsen.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kosiara – aye

Trustee Olsen – aye

Trustee Osborn – aye

Motion carried.

B. Other Items from the Controller

The were no other items from the Controller.

Mr. O'Sullivan was released from the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Chief Wood asked if the board would interrupt their agenda with an added Show and Tell time of some new equipment on behalf of the officers present, while calls were not occurring. The board obliged the request.

Lieutenant Steve Lipowski and Acting Officer Joe Taylor demonstrated how the new Lucas Chest Compression System worked. It had been used on a recent call to provide chest compressions for over 48 continuous minutes (until the battery ran out) from the resident's home and provided continued compressions during the ER Hospital visit. They noted how the system allows the medics to move the patient while the system is in place, down stairs, inverted, etc. as needed and the system continues its work.

The officers then provided a demonstration on the new battery operated extrication equipment from Genesis that was purchased by the District. It was noted that the M28 Milwaukee battery charger will have multiple uses across other equipment utilized by the District. The ease of the equipment was shown and sampled by some of the board members.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES

A. Attorney Report

Attorney Flaherty reported on legal issues. He noted that the IL General Assembly had adopted rules to accept voting remotely for its members. The NIAFPD seminar was recapped, noting that the possible Pension liability change requirement from 2040 to 2050 is on the table for consideration.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2021 is 1.4% and will affect the budget and tax levy accordingly. Chief Wood asked if there was a potential for a state property tax freeze in the works? Attorney Flaherty

responded that was not currently, but would not be surprised for the future if we saw one.

Trustee Kosiara asked if the Law Enforcement bill had been signed? Attorney Flaherty responded that it was not signed yet, but it was inevitable and will soon be in effect. The caution being that police officers will most likely be directed to do less on calls.

- B. Other items from the Attorney
Attorney Flaherty stated that there were none.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fire Commissioners

Deputy Chief Cassady stated that the next Fire Commissioners meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 18, 2021, and if not they will hold the March meeting to satisfy the quarterly requirement of the board.

- B. Foreign Fire Insurance Board

Chief Wood reported that the board met on February 8th where there was discussion for some additional tools to be purchased. The board also approved the purchase of a new kitchen table with logo for the living kitchen area, not to exceed \$12,000. Lt. Lipowski provided a sample of the wood being used for the table, ensuring that it was of high quality and use. The board also approved two new daily assignment boards to be purchased for upstairs and on the apparatus bay floor. New mattresses for the sleeping area were discussed and will be purchased by the District. A second Sawzall was identified as needed and will be purchased by the board, reimbursing the District.

May 10th is the next scheduled meeting.

- C. DuComm Report

Chief Wood said that meeting was held virtually today. There was discussion regarding video training footage for proper CAD usage. Fire operation approval was passed for language interpreter services. Each department will be invoiced for service as used. The cost is \$0.61 per minute. The alarm fees that are collected by DuComm have historically been allocated to DuComm's Capital Fund, the decision was made that 15% of the fees collected will now go back to the agency and be applied to our monthly shares or dues.

- D. Other Announcements

Chief Wood reported that there are currently nine employees of the District who have opted out of being vaccinated and signed a release with the District. Sixty percent of the employees have already been vaccinated.

Chief Wood reported on a shooting in Bloomingdale that our crews were called out to. The officers on the scene provided compliments to our administration regarding Paramedics Berghaus and Guevara.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Apparatus and Facilities

Deputy Chief Cassady noted that the apparatus committee has met regarding the specifications of the new vehicle with the manufacturer, Ferrara. One more meeting will be held to finish up on the details. There is currently one engine at EVS for repairs and maintenance.

B. Negotiations Local 2177

Chief Wood said the agenda item would be held for closed session.

C. NIAFPD Conference

Trustee Kosiara reported that there were good reviews for the short one-day conference. Annual required Pension hours were cut to eight hours for 2020 and going forward.

There will be no Legislative Day in Springfield this year.

D. Other Old Business

Chief Wood stated that there was no other old business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grant Application

Chief Wood reported that the application for equipment grant was being reviewed and finalized by Grant Masters. Two grants were being submitted that included a new fill station at the cost of \$10,000 and new SCBA valued at \$120,000. Chief noted that these grants are typically awarded in the Fall timeframe and if the District does not receive the funding, the District will be moving forward to make the capital purchases.

The COVID Relief grant previously filed for in 2020 was extended and a second round of expenses were submitted for reimbursement through the grant process. Approximately \$10,000 in supplies and \$20,000 in labor costs.

B. HGAC Purchasing Cooperative

Deputy Chief Cassady provided paperwork regarding the Houston-Galveston Area Council purchasing cooperative that our vendor Ferrara recommended to the District. The cooperative agreement allows the option to buy on contract without requesting a competitive bid process for the purchase of the new engine.

Trustee Olsen motioned to enter into agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council Purchasing Cooperative. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kosiara.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Olsen – aye

Trustee Kosiara – aye

Trustee Osborn – aye

Motion carried.

The agreement was signed.

C. Other New Business

Chief Wood stated that there was no other new business.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There were none.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Kosiara motioned to recess the regular meeting to go into closed session pursuant to Section (2)(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body); Section (2)(c)(2) of the Act (to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees); and/or Section (2)(c)(8) of the Act (pending, probable or imminent litigation) at 6:45 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Olsen.

XII. RETURN TO RECESSED MEETING

Trustee Kosiara motioned to return from closed session at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Osborn. Trustee Kosiara asked the record to reflect that there was unanimous approval of the motion with all members in attendance voting.

No action was taken in closed session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of March 9, 2021 will take place at the regular time of 5:30 PM at 1608 Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights, Illinois.

Trustee Olsen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kosiara. Trustee Kosiara asked the record to reflect there was unanimous approval of the motion with all members in attendance voting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

/s/ Richard Osborn, Secretary

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2021

/s/ Nicholas Kosiara, President