

**GLENSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2025
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT 4:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
President Kosiara called to order the regular meeting for Glenside Fire Protection District Board of Trustee's at 4:36 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:
The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.
- III. ROLL CALL:
Present were Trustee Kosiara, Trustee Foss and Trustee Johnston. Trustee Foss requested that the meeting minutes reflect that Chief Cassady, DC Buccola, and Admin Haiden were also in attendance. Controller James Howard attended the meeting virtually.
- IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS TRUSTEES MEETINGS
The regular meeting minutes for the Board of Trustee's meeting held on September 9, 2025 were presented for review and acceptance.

Trustee Kosiara motioned to accept, approve and file the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2025 as presented and to approve, file and release to the public the closed session minutes of September 9, 2025. The motion was second by Trustee Foss. 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. Howard reviewed the month's fiscal year ending September 2025 noting the District had just received some of the final deposits from DuPage County. He summarized the revenues and operating expenses for the District and noted the comparison percentages to last year's income and expenses. He then provided a review of investments of all accounts to wrap his report up.

Chief Cassady added that three million dollars were moved from the Fifth Third account to a new account established with Wintrust Financial Bank of Schaumburg.

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 September in the amount of \$408,578.15. The motion was second by Trustee Foss.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kosiara – aye

Trustee Foss – aye

Trustee Johnston – aye

Motion carried.

B. Annual Audit 2025 Presentation – Sikich LLP

Kellen O'Malley, CPA for Sikich LLP started his presentation of the Glenside Fire Protection District annual audit for the fiscal year May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. He started off by thanking the Board on behalf of Sikich LLP and proceeded to discuss the report noting that their independent auditor's report follows both GASB and GAAS principles when completing the audit. Sikich's opinion is unmodified and holds the highest opinion as prepared and reported in the management summary. Mr. O'Malley then reviewed the statement of net position noting both a combination of all funds and long term outlook. The statement of activities for the year was highlighted, as well as a review of the major and minor funds for the District. He also reviewed the status of the District's Pension Fund, noting a 1.8 million dollar increase resulting in a net position of 75.60% at the end of the year. The goal is to have the fund at 100% by 2040.

He completed his presentation and asked if there were any questions. There were none. The parties thanked each other for their continued commitment to uphold the financial requirements of the District.

Trustee Kosiara motioned to accept and file the annual financial report for the Glenside Fire Protection District as presented by Sikich LLP for the year ending April 30, 2025. The motion was second by Trustee Foss.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kosiara – aye

Trustee Foss – aye

Trustee Johnston – aye

Motion carried.

The annual report will be filed with DuPage County.

C. Annual Treasurer's Report 2025

The required Annual Treasurer's report was prepared and signed by the board treasurer. It will be filed with DuPage County.

D. 2025 Proposed Tax Levy Presentation

Controller Howard reviewed the proposed Tax Levy for the District for the 2025 year noting the figures in the presentation. The CPI is equal to 2.9% for the upcoming year and the EAV is at an approximate three percent increase. No black box will be required for publication.

Chief Cassady noted that the annual pension fund request letter was received. The Pension Board is asking for an increase of \$147,996 over last year.

The tax levy ordinance will be prepared for approval at the next board meeting.

E. Other Items from the Controller

There were no other items from the Controller.

Chief Cassady noted that representatives from Sawyer Falduto will plan to attend the November board meeting to discuss the District's portfolio.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES

A. Attorney Report

Chief Cassady reported that the legal suit was dropped at the court level.

B. Other items from the Attorney

There were no other items.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Fire Commissioners

Chief Cassady reported the board met for a rescheduled meeting on October 18, 2025 to complete interviews for the hiring process. One virtual interview was included in the sixteen completed that day. We are optimistic that we will be able to fill the two vacancies for position of full-time firefighter/paramedic.

B. Foreign Fire Insurance Board

Chief Cassady noted the board will meet again on November 10th. A meeting with Core Construction regarding the possible balcony project was scheduled.

C. DuComm Report

Chief Cassady reported that there was no chiefs meeting due to the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association conference this week. It was noted that portable radios have been received as of last week and mobile radios are expected next week for the District's allotment.

Trustee Kosiara noted that the executive committee meeting will meet at the end of the month. An intergovernmental agreement between DuComm, on behalf of all of its member agencies, and the ETSB for the use of the new portable radios on the DuPage STARCOM21 radio system was signed and has been ratified.

D. Other Announcements

Chief Cassady noted that there are several public education events and fire safety messages being completed all month for fire safety and awareness.

A review of the health and safety fair was provided to the board and it was noted that better advertisement is needed, as families no longer appear to be coming in the numbers they used to. A possible new day of the week and time is also a suggestion.

The District held a remembrance for the passing of Trustee Rich Osborn. The chiefs have been in communication with his brother and have assisted at the home as well.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Apparatus and Facilities

DC Buccola provided updates on all apparatus, noting that there are not many changes from last month. One of the engine's need a pump test before returning to the fleet.

Chief Cassady noted that the new marquee installation is approximately six weeks out and will be completed in one day's time. The fifty percent deposit was made.

B. Other Old Business

Chief Cassady noted there was none.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ambulance Purchase

Foster Coach Sales, Inc. has provided a quote for the purchase of a new ambulance as discussed at prior meetings. The quote is for a 2027 Ford 550 4xs gas chassis custom Horton build with a prepayment discount of \$28,975 for a total purchase price of \$384,952. The vehicle has an estimated build/delivery time of two and a half year.

Trustee Kosiara motioned to accept Quote PF01304 from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. and pre-pay in the amount of \$384,952 for the purchase of a new ambulance. The motion was second by Trustee Foss.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Kosiara – aye

Trustee Foss – aye

Trustee Johnston – aye

Motion carried.

B. Fall Festival of Flavors

It was determined that district representatives will not attend the event this year.

C. Other New Business

There was no other new business.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There were none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of November 11, 2025 will take place at the regular time of 4:30 PM at 1608 Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights, Illinois.

Trustee Kosiara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 P.M. The motion was second by Trustee Foss. Trustee Kosiara asked the record to reflect there was unanimous approval of the motion with all members in attendance voting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

/s/ Michael Foss, Secretary

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

/s/ Nicholas Kosiara, President