

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On December 16, 2024, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held at the Fire Station, 3023 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to published notice of a change in the regular meeting date.

In attendance were Trustees Fischer, Leonard, and Horn. Also present were Fire Chief Cranmer; Assistant Chief Hamberg; Fire Commissioners Cox and Clemons; NorthStar Representative Wojtkowski; Mr. Eric Hagedorn; Ms. Cheryl Brooks; Mr. Brock Hendricks of First State Insurance Agency; Mr. Brendon Hartin and Mr. Josh Mandel of FGM Architects; members of the Fire Department; and legal counsel for the District.

The Chair first called for announcements and recognized Mr. Hartin of FGM Architects who presented a plaque to the Board of Trustees for the District representing an award from Firehouse Magazine recognizing the District for the new fire station. The Board expressed its gratitude to FGM and the project team including Mr. Wojtkowski of NorthStar Management and S. M. Wilson as construction manager.

The Chair next recognized Mr. Hendricks of First State Insurance Agency who presented to the Board a proposal for renewal of the District's Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage. The Board thanked Mr. Hendricks for submitting his proposal. The Fire Chief advised that the Steck-Cooper Agency is also expected to submit a proposal for the same coverage from the Illinois Public Risk Fund. After discussion, it was the consensus that the Board would schedule a special meeting on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering the renewal of the District's worker's compensation insurance. The Board thanked Mr. Hendricks for his submittal and advised the Chief to inform Steck-Cooper Agency of the need to submit any proposal for worker's compensation coverage by 8:00 a.m. on December 20, 2024.

The meeting next turned to consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved to approve the minutes as presented.

The meeting next turned to New Station Matters. Mr. Wojtkowski and the Chief were recognized. It was noted that a list of items requiring attention had been submitted to SM Wilson. The Chief reported regarding baseboard heaters that have not been working. He

noted that repairs of the heaters are underway. There is a drywall issue that is being addressed. Mr. Wojtkowski confirmed that SM Wilson is addressing items as they are presented and that it has been responsive.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Leonard presented the Treasurer's Report in the usual manner. He reported that in the total General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund there was a cash balance of \$2,313,112.47 at November 1, 2024; there were receipts during the month of November of \$55,235.72; and there were disbursements of \$260,999.01, leaving a balance in that fund at November 30, 2024 of \$2,107,349.18. He reported that the Audit Fund had a balance at November 30, 2024 of \$85,730.00 and that the Insurance Fund had a balance at the same date of \$396,653.89. Mr. Leonard noted that the Board Packet contained the Cash On Hand Distribution Report as well as the Fund Balance Report for the three separate funds. As a matter of record it was noted that the Board Packet also contained the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund as of November 30, 2024; the November 2024 Expenditure Report by Budget Line Item; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of November 30, 2024; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of November 30, 2024; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of November 30, 2024; the Bond Debt Service Fund Financial Statement as of November 30, 2024; the Tax Receipts Summary and Disbursement Report through November 13, 2024; The Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for November 2024; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for November 2024. The Board Packet also contained the Warrant Report for December 16, 2024 for consideration by the Board. Thereafter, upon motion of Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The meeting next turned to payment of bills and a motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved to pay the bills of the District as same come due in the normal course of business in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. There was no President's Report.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. The Chief presented his report in written and oral form.

The Chief reported that there were 210 calls for the month of November 2024 of which 155 were EMS-medical calls.

Under Personnel, the Chief reported that the probationary firefighters are doing well and making progress. He also reported that POC Firefighter Mike Lair has resigned effective December 31, 2024 due to family commitments and time limitations.

Under Grants, the Chief reported that the Federal Grant application is due on the coming Friday and is being completed. The District will be seeking new lifting bags and small thermal cameras. He reported that the Illinois American Water Grant of \$1,000.00 had been received and that a Wal-Mart Grant has been approved. The District continues to await word on the OSFM Small Equipment Grant application.

Under Station/Apparatus/Equipment Matters, the Chief advised the Board that the SCBA compressor motor had burned up and had to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$3,078.00. The repair is underway. The window tinting project is completed. The irrigation system has been winterized. Rexing Hauling has been engaged to perform snow removal from the station parking lot areas. The Chief is requesting permission to purchase a snowblower at a cost of \$1,299.99 for sidewalk clearing and clearing around the bay doors.

The Chief advised that he would be on vacation later in the month of December.

The Board took up the request of the Chief for the purchase of a snowblower and upon motion of Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the request was approved.

The meeting next turned to the Board of Fire Commissioners Report. There was no report.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. There was no report.

The meeting next turned to public comments. There were no public comments.

The meeting next turned to Other Business.

The Board discussed the financing of the new apparatus which should be delivered in February. Mr. Fischer indicated he had obtained quotes from Liberty Bank and Carrollton Bank upon a 3 year and a 5 year alternative payback terms. Currently the quote from Carrollton Bank is at a lower rate. It was noted that action by the Federal Reserve Board may cause interest rates to change in the coming week, and it was agreed that a final decision would be deferred based on that. Mr. Fischer indicated that he had requested quotes for a loan of up to a \$1.5 million, but he noted that the District may in a position to pay \$600,000.00 toward the purchase of the truck which would reduce the borrowing substantially. It was noted

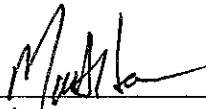
that there had been prior approval for the purchase of additional items for the truck in the amount of \$51,265.54 for foam equipment, shelving brackets, on spot chains, and other items.

The meeting next turned to the Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal, and it was noted this has been addressed earlier in the meeting.

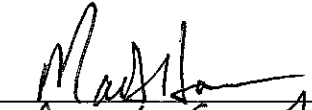
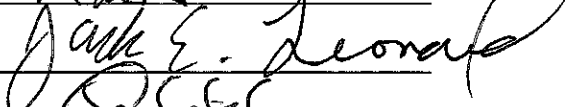

The meeting next turned to establishment of the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule and a proposed schedule was presented to the Board with one change being made in that the Board would meet on March 3, 2025 rather than February 24, 2025. The attorney advised that he would make the change in the proposed schedule and it would issued to the Fire Chief for posting. Thereafter, upon motion of Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the Meeting Schedule for 2025 was approved.

The meeting next turned to Personnel Matters. There were no personnel matters to be taken up.

Thereafter, there being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Secretary

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