

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On February 23, 2026, 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 the regular meeting schedule of the Board.

In attendance were Trustees Hagedorn, Horn, and Leonard. Fire Chief Cranmer; Fire Commissioners Sowders, Cox, and Clemons; members of the Fire Department; members of the public; and legal counsel for the District were also present for the meeting.

The Chair first called on the Chief for announcements and presentations. The Chief advised that there were none.

The meeting next turned to public comments. Treasurer Leonard thanked the Fire Department for its efforts in connection with a fire in East Alton earlier that day.

The meeting next turned to the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2026, and upon motion of Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report and approval of bills. The Treasurer presented his report in the usual manner. He advised that as of January 31, 2026 the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund had a balance of \$1,724,350.38; the Audit Fund had a balance of \$80,035.83; and the Insurance Fund had a balance of \$373,035.25, making the total funds of the District at January 31, 2026 \$2,177,421.46. The Treasurer also reported that of the foregoing amount, \$2,077,330.44 was held in the Illinois Funds Account and \$100,091.02 was held in the Liberty Bank Checking Account. It was also noted for record that the Board Packet contained the January 31, 2026 Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Funds based upon a budget, monthly, and year to date basis; the January 2026 Expenditure Report by budget line item; the Financial Statement for the Audit Fund as of January 31, 2026; the Financial Statement for the Insurance Fund as of January 31, 2026; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of January 31, 2026; the Bond Debt Service Fund as of January 31, 2026; the Tax Receipts Summary and Disbursements Report through January 7, 2026; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for January 2026; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for January 2026. Upon motion of Mr. Hagedorn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented, and the payment

bills in accordance with the District's usual bill payment procedure as same come due during the normal course of business was approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report.

The Chief began his report by noted that the NERIS reporting system had been implemented by the District. He indicated that his written report included various sub-reports of information from the NERIS's system. These sub-reports gave details for call volume and types of calls. There were 241 calls for the month of January 2026 with 5 mutual aid calls in which the District provided assistance and 3 calls in which mutual aid was provided by neighboring departments.

Turning to Personnel Matters, the Chief reported that Firefighter John Kloss will be attending the IFSI Academy beginning on March 2, 2026 for a 7 week course of study with 2 additional weeks for Hazmat Operations and Vehicle and Machinery Operations. He indicated that Mr. Kloss would be staying at Best Western Hotel in Savoy and that he will be provided with a per diem check for expenses.

Under Grants/Revenue/Donations, the Chief reported that the Small Equipment Grant had been submitted to the Office of the State Fire Marshal seeking a Hurst combi tool and mini-cutter. He advised that the IPRF Grant of \$463.00 had been applied to the purchase of a backpack blower to assist with brush fires and station cleaning. He noted that he continues to search for equipment to be purchased with the donations from the John Thompson Memorial in the amount of \$575.00.

Under Stations/Apparatus/Equipment, the Chief advised that Unit 1422 has been sent for paint work. He advised that Overhead Door had installed a control pad for the rear garage door station. He advised that the four gas meters approved for purchase by the Board had been ordered. He reported that the Hollywood Heights Fire Protection District had picked up the air trailer which had been approved for transfer at the Board's prior meeting. He advised that bunker gear which had been approved for purchase by the Board has been ordered. He reported that SM Wilson has been contacted regarding a moisture check in the bedroom and that it is waiting for warmer weather to ascertain next steps to correct the situation.

Under Business Inspections, the Chief advised that 2025 inspections are being completed and that the 2026 inspections will commence in the April/May 2026 timeframe.

Under Training, the Chief advised that the Department is moving forward with 2026 training as scheduled.

The Chief requested approval to authorize firefighters to attend an online Paramedic course offered by the "School of EMS" in conjunction with the Taylorville Fire Department. He presented literature regarding the course and the language from the current union contract regarding tuition reimbursement. He indicated that he is requesting approval for members of the Department who want to attend the course to be authorized to do so and qualify for reimbursement.

There was discussion regarding Unit 1412 and it was noted that it is now a front line apparatus due to the work being performed on Unit 1422. It was suggested that the unit be offered for sale based with an extended delivery date on a strictly "as is" basis and that efforts commence now to give notice of the availability of Unit 1412 when Unit 1422 repairs are completed.

The Chief noted that he was requesting no purchases.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. There was discussion regarding the proposed ordinance to allow a charge for lift assist calls to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It was suggested that the fee should be set at a fixed amount of \$250.00 per call rather than an hourly charge. After discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be deferred for further study by the Fire Chief and Fire Officers for finalization.

The attorney also noted that the District had not received the EOC Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Godfrey. Mr. Gerard Fischer, who was present for the meeting indicated that he would follow up on that item with the Village.

The meeting next turned to Other Business.

It was noted that the pending station matter concerning moisture in the bedroom area had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Under New Apparatus Matters, it was noted that additional work by Banner on the aerial is pending.


The Board discussed changing the deductible amounts on the District's various insurance coverages based upon information supplied by Andrew Allen of the Steck Cooper Agency. After discussion, the matter was tabled.

The meeting next turned to Personnel Matters. The Chief requested that the Board enter a closed session to consider potential disciplinary matters, and a motion was made by Mr.

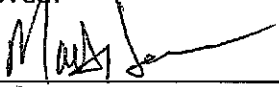
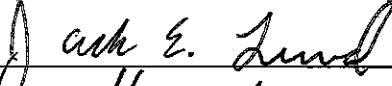

Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and approved by Trustees Leonard, Hagedorn, and Horn to enter closed session to discuss a possible disciplinary matter.

Following the conclusion of the closed session, the meeting returned to open session and the Chair announced that no action had been taken in the closed session and that a possible disciplinary matter involving personnel of the Department had been discussed with the Fire Chief.

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

  
Secretary

Approved:

Being All of The Trustees of the  
Godfrey Fire Protection District