

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

On January 27, 2025, 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.

Attending the meeting were Trustees Fischer, Leonard, and Horn. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Cranmer; Fire Commissioners Cox, Clemons, and Sowders; Assistant Chief Bloemker; Assistant Chief Hamberg; members of the Fire Department; Mr. Eric Hagedorn; and legal counsel for the District.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Chair called on the Chief for announcements and presentations. The Chief advised that on Christmas Day, four members of the Department had delivered a health baby girl in response to a call at approximately 11:00 a.m. in the morning of a female in labor. The Chief recognized Assistant Chief Bloemker and Department members Blackford, Stratton, and Hubbs who responded to the call and successfully delivered a healthy baby girl. The Chief commended them for their efforts and awarded to them a Pink Pin in recognition of their service. The members then received the congratulations of those present.

The Chair next called for approval of the minutes of the Board meetings held on December 16, 2024 and December 20, 2024, and upon motion of Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting next turned to New Station Matters. The Chief reported that an 11 month walk through inspection had been held on January 20, 2025 with the architect and construction manager. Mr. Wojtkowski participated in the inspection. An expansion joint issue has been identified and is being addressed. The vent in the kitchen is also being checked to determine if a damper is needed to keep cold air from entering the building through the vent. Other minor items such as drywall cracking have been identified and are being addressed. The Chief advised that he would continue to keep the Board informed of these items and their correction.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported that the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund had a balance on hand at December 1, 2024 of \$2,107,349.18; that receipts during the month total \$361,669.35; and that disbursements during the month totaled \$166,304.71, leaving a balance at December 31, 2024 of

\$2,302,713.82. He also reported that the Audit Fund at December 31, 2024 had a balance of \$89,141.81 and that the Insurance Fund had a balance of \$368,760.90. It was noted for record that the Treasurer's Report also included the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund as of December 31, 2024; the December 2024 Expenditure Report by Budget Line Item; the Audit Fund Financial Statement at December 31, 2024; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of December 31, 2024; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of December 31, 2024; the Bond Project/Debt Service Fund Financial Statement as of December 31, 2024; the Tax Receipts Summary and Disbursement Report as of December 10, 2024; The Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for December 2024; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for December 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

The meeting next turned to payment of bills and the Warrant Report was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved to authorize the payment of bills in accordance with the usual bill payment procedure of the District and as come due during the regular course of business.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. Mr. Fischer reported regarding former Trustee and Chief Terry Ford's recent heart attack and his medical condition. He noted that Mr. Ford will undergo additional surgery on the coming Wednesday and that his condition is guarded at this time. He suggested that the thoughts and concerns of all the members of District Community go out to Mr. Ford and his family.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. The Fire Chief presented his report in written form in the usual manner and commented orally to the Board regarding the content of the Report.

Under Calls, the Chief advised that there were 225 calls in December and that total calls for 2024 were 2,448 which is a new record high for the District. The Chief advised that he would have a further and more detailed statistical report at the next meeting.

The Chief reported under personnel matters that the probationary firefighters are progressing in their training.

Under Grants/Revenue/Donations, the Chief reported that the AFG Grant Application has been submitted and that a \$600.00 grant from Wal-Mart has been received. The Small Equipment Grant through the Office of the State Fire Marshal remains pending.

Under Station/Apparatus/Equipment matters, the Chief noted again that the 11 month walk through which he reported on earlier with the Construction Manager, SM Wilson, had been conducted. He reported that the snow blower authorized for purchase by the Board had been utilized and served its purpose well in the recent snowstorm. The Chief advised that he had received an update from Banner on the progress of the Aerial Apparatus and its delivery. He circulated an email from Joey Cruz of Banner regarding the timeline for the receipt of the aerial and payment for it by the District. The Chief advised that the replacement of the station air compressor is pending due to supply chain issues. The Chief reported that during ice rescue training an ice rescue suit failure occurred and one firefighter sustained a minor injury as a result. The Chief reported regarding the status of the current inventory of ice rescue suits. He noted that 5 suits have been purchased in 2021 with the rest of the District's inventory being 15 years old or older. The Chief advised that he had obtained a quote for additional suits at a cost of approximately \$900.00 per unit. There was discussion regarding the number of additional replacement suits needed and members of the Department commented that two suits were needed per truck. The President indicated the Board would take up this matter subsequently in the meeting.

The Chief reported that 2025 training is underway.

The Board next took up the question of replacing the ice suits and a motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved to purchase 4 suits at a cost of \$3,656.00.

The meeting next turned to the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Mr. Sowders reported that a meeting of that Board had been held immediately prior to the Trustees' meeting and that no action had been taken at that meeting by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney reminded the Board that the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts Winter Conference would be held in O'Fallon in February. Mr. Leonard indicated he would be attending.

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

The meeting next turned to Other Business.

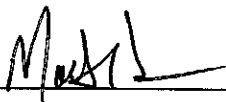
The Board took up discussion of the funding of the aerial apparatus purchase. It was noted that based on information from Banner, a payment of \$1,210,395.60 would be required in February. There was discussion of the unit's total price which will be \$1,344,884.00. The Board inquired of the Chief regarding the additional equipment and work to be performed on

the unit at Banner. There was discussion of funding the 90% payment and borrowing funds as needed beyond the amount used from the General Fund. Mr. Horn indicated that arrangements have been made with Carrollton Bank for a three year loan at an interest rate of 4.69%. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Horn to proceed with a loan in the amount of \$600,000.00 from Carrollton Bank for a three year term at an interest rate of 4.69% and to make a payment from the District's General Fund in the amount of \$600,000.00 with the loan funds to meet the 90% payment requirement and with the final balance to be funded through the District General Fund upon final acceptance of the unit.

The meeting next turned to Personnel Matters. The Chair called for a motion to enter closed session in order to discuss Collective Bargaining matters with Local 1693 under Section (2)(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Leonard made such a motion. Mr. Horn seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

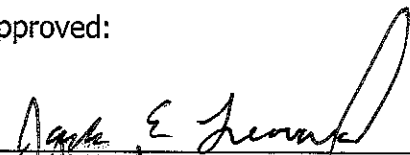
The meeting returned to open session at 6:23 p.m. and upon motion of Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and the meeting was returned to open session. The President announced that during the closed session there had been a review of the Union's 2025 contract proposals and discussion of same by the Board. The President indicated that Mr. Horn would be conferring with the District's accounting firm regarding the proposal and the District's position with respect to same. This will be followed by a special meeting of the Board and, thereafter, a meeting with the Union at which time the Board will respond to the Union's proposal and present any counter proposal which the Board determines to make.

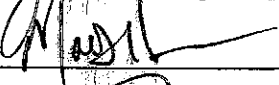
Thereafter, there being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.




Secretary

Approved:







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Godfrey Fire Protection District