

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

On March 3, 2025, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held at the District 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 Fischer, Leonard, and Horn. Also in attendance were Fire Commissioners Clemons and Sowders; Assistant Chief Wills; Assistant Chief Hamberg; members of the Fire Department; members of the public; and legal counsel for the District.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Chair called for announcements and presentations. There were none.

The Chair next called for approval of the minutes of the Board meetings held on January 27, 2025 and February 4, 2025. Upon motion of Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Leonard presented the report in the usual fashion. He reported that the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund had cash on hand at January 1, 2025 of \$2,402,713.82; receipts during the month of \$82,340.27; and disbursements during the month of \$143,253.48, leaving a balance at January 31, 2025 of \$2,241,800.61. He reported that the Audit Fund had a balance at January 31, 2025 of \$89,740.51 and that the Insurance Fund had a balance of \$373,332.62. It was noted for record purposes that the Board Packet also contained the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund as of January 31, 2025; the January 2025 Expenditure Report showing budget, monthly, and year-to-date expenditures by line item; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of January 31, 2025; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of January 31, 2025; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of January 31, 2025; the Bond Debt Service Fund as of January 31, 2025; the Tax Receipts and Disbursement Summary through January 8, 2025; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for January 2025; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for January 2025. It was noted that the Warrant Report dated February 24, 2025 was also contained in the Board Packet for the period January 23, 2025 through February 19, 2025. Thereafter, 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 a motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, to pay the District's bills as same come due during the ordinary course of business in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. The President reported that he had no report.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. In the absence of the Fire Chief, Mr. Fischer reviewed the written report form which included the Call Report showing 221 calls for January 2025, of which 168 were emergency medical service calls.

Under Personnel, the report indicated that probationary firefighters Paul and Jenkins had passed their first written probationary test.

Under Grants/Revenue/Donations, it was reported that the AFG Grant Application has been submitted and that a denial had been received with regard to the OSFM Small Equipment Grant Application.

Under Station/Apparatus/Equipment it was reported that SM Wilson has been working on the warranty punch list; that the ladder truck is currently at Banner and is expected to be delivered in early to mid-April; and that the rescue truck had incurred an issue with the wire looms interfering with the rollup doors. The vendor of the doors has agreed to pay \$1,500 toward the cost of repair expenses at Banner. It was noted that the District continues to await the delivery of the new station compressor.

Under Business Inspections, it was reported the 2025 inspections will be conducted in the April and May timeframe.

The Chair called upon Assistant Chief Wills to report regarding the proposal to purchase an ESO Inspection Software module at a cost of \$998 per year plus a one-time setup of \$595 for a total of \$1,593. This inspection module will replace the Go Canvas which is currently being used at a cost of \$1,836 per year. There was discussion regarding the system.

Under Training, it was reported that Assistant Chief Bloemker is requesting that the District sponsor a firefighter training program at the QEM burn tower in the spring. Mutual aid departments would be invited to participate, and it is anticipated that the cost will be \$2,000 and would be paid from the training line item. It was noted that this will be separate training from the burn tower training in the fall. There was also a request from Madison County EMA to conduct drone training in Godfrey in the next month or so at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

It was noted that the Chief is currently recovering from knee surgery with a follow-up appointment on March 27, 2025. The Chief will be on medical leave during that period of time.

The meeting next turned to consideration of the approval of the firefighter training class at the QEM burn tower, and a motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, to approve the request as presented.

The meeting next turned to the consideration of approval of the ESO business inspection program, and a motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, to approve the purchase of the ESO business inspection program at a cost of \$1,593 with an annual expense of \$998 thereafter.

The meeting next turned to the Board of Fire Commissioners' Report. Mr. Sowders advised there was no report.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney advised there was no report.

The meeting next turned to public comments. Assistant Chief Hamberg noted that there would be a flag lowering at 5:02 P.M. on the coming Wednesday in recognition of the six-year anniversary of the passing of Firefighter Jake Ringering. All are invited to be present for the event.

Other Business. The meeting next turned to discussion of new station matters. It was noted that this has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

The meeting next turned to discussion of new apparatus matters. It was noted that the District had paid for the major part of the purchase price of the apparatus in the prior month and that the balance would be due at the time of the delivery of the unit in early to mid-April.

The meeting next turned to Personnel Matters. A motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved to enter closed session to discuss collective bargaining matters pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Following the conclusion of the closed session, the meeting returned to open session. Mr. Fischer announced that no action had been taken in the closed session which involved discussion by the Board of collective bargaining matters with Local 1692.

There being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion

duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

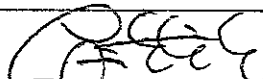
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Secretary

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Being All of The Trustees of the  
Godfrey Fire Protection District