

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

On January 15, 2021, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held remotely and at Fire Station No. 1, 6011 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois pursuant to posted notice.

Mr. Ford, as President of the Board noted for record purposes that the meeting was being held by video conference pursuant to Section 7 (e) of the Open Meetings Act due to the COVID-19 pandemic declaration of a health emergency.

In attendance were Trustees Fischer, Rynders and Ford; Fire Chief Cranmer; Mr. Josh Mandell of FGM; and legal counsel for the District.

The Chair first called for presentation and approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on December 28, 2020 and upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved by Trustees Rynders, Fischer, and Ford, the minutes were approved as presented.

The Chair next called for public comments. There were no public comments.

The Chair next called for discussion and action regarding the proposed Fire Station Project. Mr. Ford reported to the Board regarding a meeting held on the prior Wednesday with the Fire Chief and representatives of the FGM Architecture firm. Meeting minutes compiled by FGM were presented and reviewed. Mr. Ford noted that the current plan is for a project with a station cost of between \$5.3 million and \$5.7 million which would include both hard and soft costs associated with the construction and furnishing of the station. A question was asked regarding additional costs associated with the issuance of the bonds for the project and it was indicated that the foregoing estimate did not include those expenses. Mr. Ford noted that the square footage of the project had been reduced to approximately 15,149 square feet. The materials submitted by FGM regarding the project was reviewed.

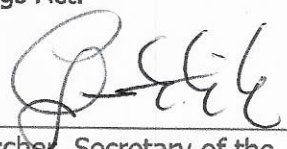
The Board next took up discussion of the amount for a bond issue to be presented to the voters in April. It was noted that the bond issue would fund both the construction of a single new station on the former Highway House property on Godfrey Road utilizing an exchange of real estate with the Village of Godfrey. It would also include funding for additional fire apparatus as well as the station construction and the expense of demolition of Station No. 1 which Mr. Mandell noted was included in the project cost estimate. Mr. Ford indicated that \$1.5 million was being suggested for equipment. After further discussion, a motion was made

by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Rynders, and approved by Trustees Fischer, Rynders, and Ford to set the bond issue amount at \$7.5 million.

The attorney next presented to the Board a proposed ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition to issue general obligation bonds to the voters of the Godfrey Fire Protection District in the amount of \$7.5 million. A motion was made by Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved by Trustees Rynders, Fischer, and Ford to adopt the ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition to issue general obligation bonds to the voters of the Godfrey Fire Protection District at the April 6, 2021 election in the form presented to the Board.

The Board next discussed the presentation of the bond issue and supplying informational materials to the public regarding the project, the consolidation of the fire stations, and the need for apparatus. Mr. Mandell shared information regarding the provision of such information based on the work his firm had done with the Monarch Fire Protection District in Missouri. He agreed to supply additional information to Mr. Fischer. Mr. Fischer indicated that he would also take up discussion with the Riverbender to consider assistance to the District in presenting information to the public.

The Board then discussed briefly land acquisition for the new station. It was noted that if the exchange of real estate with the Village of Godfrey does not occur, the acquisition of real estate would have to be covered by the bond issue. It was noted that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Godfrey is meeting on January 18, 2021 to consider this question and that the bond issue amount could be adjusted by an amendment to the ordinance applying for the bond issue after that time, the deadline to adopt the ordinance to submit the matter to the public in April is January 19, 2021. For that reason, the attorney suggested recessing the meeting rather than adjourning it and setting the resumption of the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021 if required to consider adoption of a higher bond issue amount. Thereafter, upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer, and unanimously approved, the meeting was recessed to 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The Chair advised that the meeting would be conducted remotely under Section 7 (e) of the Open Meetings Act.



Gerard Fischer, Secretary of the
Board of Trustees

APPROVED:

James Ford
Steven Reynolds
[Signature]

Being all of the Trustees of the
Godfrey Fire Protection District