

GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On May 24, 2021, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Godfrey Fire Protection District was held at 7:00 p.m. at 3014A Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois. The meeting was conducted in person at the foregoing location due to the closure of the Liberty Bank Community Room, the regular meeting location for the District.

Attending the meeting were Trustees Ford, Fischer, and Horn. Fire Commissioners Cox, Clemons, and Sherman; Fire Chief Cranmer; current Department members Hamburg and Estes; Mr. Steven Rynders; and legal counsel for the District were also present.

The Chair first called for re-organization of the Board's officer positions. A motion was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, to elect Mr. Ford as President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Fischer as Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Horn as Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

The Chair first inquired regarding announcements and presentations. There were none.

The Chair next called for presentation of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 26, 2021, the closed session minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting, and the May 3, 2021 special meeting, and upon motion of Mr. Rynders, seconded by Mr. Fischer and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The President next called for the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurance Funds as of April 30, 2021. The report reflected cash on hand in the General Fund of \$816,821.22, receipts during the month of \$20,244.44, and disbursements during the month of \$130,086.36 leaving a balance at April 30, 2021 of \$706,979.30. He also reported that the Audit Fund had a balance of \$92,504.30 and that Insurance Fund had a balance \$571,095.72 at April 30, 2021. He reported on the Cash On Hand Distribution allocation and the General Fund Designation allocation. The Treasurer noted that his report also contained the General Fund Financial Statement as of April 30, 2021 by budget, monthly budget, and year to date figures; the April 2021 Expenditure Report by budget line item reflecting April spending, year to date spending, and budget line item balance; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of April 30, 2021; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of April 30, 2021; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of April 30, 2021; the Agency Fund balance as of April 30, 2021; the Tax Receipts & Disbursements Summary Report through April, 2021; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD

Comparison Report for April 2021; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for April 2021. Upon motion of Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The Board next turned to payment and approval of bills. A motion was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, to approve the bills for payment as same come due in the normal course of business during the month in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Fischer presented the updated and actual cash on hand balance at the end of the fiscal year which will be incorporated in to the Final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. No action was taken.

The meeting next turned to the Board of Fire Commissioners Report. Mr. Sherman advised that the Fire Commission will soon begin its process to establish a new hire list.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report and Mr. Ford advised that there was no report to be made.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. Fire Chief reported that the ISO inspection was completed in early May. He commented that everything looks good so far, and the District continues to supply follow up information to ISO, which includes flowing hydrants the following day. Fire Chief hopes the District's rating will remain at 3 or 3x. Fire Chief advised that the District has discontinued temperature monitoring for visitors at the station, but that visitors are to remain in the engine bays. The Fire Chief reported that the District responded to no fires in the District last month, but it responded with mutual aid to Alton and Fosterburg. The Chief reported no COVID cases among the firefighters. He reported that there is an approximate 24 week lead time for an Explorer replacement for Unit 1400 and that the Fire Chief reported that Unit 1452 went to Quality Motors for a battery replacement. The Chief reported that other fire apparatus went to Mike's for servicing and inspection. One truck needed some repairs to pass inspection. He reported that Firefighter Wilson is obtaining bids from Radiotronic on radio replacements, and he is presently checking compatibility. The Chief reported that Firefighter Estes has obtained a quote for Station 2's roof work. Firefighter Estes informed the Board that the bid was \$65,000, and he recommended that the District also install new gutters on the building. On motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the District will proceed to let for bidding the roof repair/replacement at Station 2

with the addition of gutters. Firefighter Estes will send to District legal counsel information and specifications he received from the bidder so the bid package can be completed.

The Fire Chief reported that business inspections will start in June. Fire Chief reported that he went to an extrication class at the Kia plant in West Point, Georgia and that the training was very valuable. On motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the District will reimburse Fire Chief for his airfare which was approximately \$300.

The Chief reported that IPRF will be coming for its annual site visit soon. He advised that the District's PPE is looking good, and that shifts are working on the equipment list for the bond issue. Firefighter Hamburg reported that lighting in the tanker truck should be upgraded, and there is an LED lighting package available at a discount for a total approximate price of \$10,000. On motion by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the District approved moving forward with the purchase of the LED lighting package for the tanker truck.

Fire Chief reported that the brand of degreaser used by the District has been discontinued or is otherwise unavailable for purchase. The Chief may purchase a pail of something new to test it, and the District will look into obtaining sample of other degreasers.

The Chief reported that Unit 1400 will need to be replaced, and the Chief will put together specifications to put it out for bid.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney advised that one Fire Commissioner will need to be appointed at the next meeting, as Mr. Jay Cox's term is up. The attorney also advised that he would prepare an agenda for the Thursday conference call regarding bond rating.

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

The meeting next turned to other business.

The first item of other business to come before the Board involved Station 2 maintenance matters which had already been discussed earlier in the meeting. No further action was taken, and the Board will await Firefighter Estes's provision of specifications to legal counsel for bid preparation.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of the 2021 Bond Issue. Legal counsel reported that a Preliminary Official Statement has been circulated among the District Trustees, and that it should be reviewed in detail to ensure accuracy.

The meeting next turned to discussion of the HiWay House property. Legal counsel reported that it had not heard back recently from the attorney for the Village.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of the FGM Agreement and Survey Agreement. Legal counsel advised that it had not received a response to its email earlier in the month from the architect. The Board briefly discussed dissatisfaction with the architect regarding its lack of a response.

The meeting next turned to the good of the order. Mr. Ford announced that Mr. Horn has information on the Illinois Association of Fire Protection District's upcoming June conference. Mr. Ford announced that the District has historically authorized all Trustees, the Chief, Fire Commissioners, and Pension Board members to attend the conference as it provides valuable training. On Motion Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved, the District will authorize any of those persons to attend the IAFPD conference.

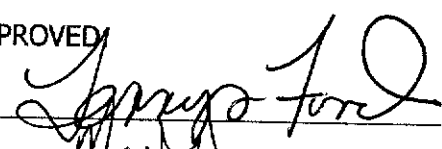
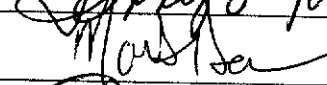
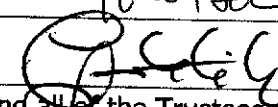
The Chair next moved to personnel matters and a motion was made by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved to move the meeting to closed session to discuss collective bargaining matters pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. The motion was approved by Trustees Horn, Fischer, and Ford.

At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion was made to resume open session by Mr. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Horn, and unanimously approved and the closed session was terminated and the meeting reopened. Mr. Ford announced that during the closed session, negotiations were conducted with Local 1692, but that no action had been taken.

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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Gerard Fischer, Secretary of the  
Board of Trustees

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