

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

On November 18, 2024, 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 6:00 p.m. pursuant to a change in the regular meeting date and time pursuant to published notice.

Attending the meeting were Trustees Fischer, Horn, and Leonard. Also present were Fire Chief Cranmer; Assistant Chief Hamberg; Fire Commissioners Sowder and Cox; NorthStar Representative Wojtkowski; members of the Fire Department; members of the public; and legal counsel for the District.

The Chair first called for announcements. There were no announcements.

The Chair next called for presentation of the minutes of the meeting held on October 28, 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 Chair called upon the Fire Chief who noted several minor items had been reported to SM Wilson for correction. Mr. Wojtkowski confirmed that these were minor items and that the construction manager would be following up with correction of those items in the near term.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report and approval of bills. Mr. Leonard reported that the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund had a cash balance at October 1, 2024 of \$2,037,094.47; that there were receipts during the month of \$419,484.35; and that there were disbursements during the month of \$143,466.35, leaving a balance at October 31, 2024 of \$2,313,112.47. He also reported that the Audit Fund had a balance at October 31, 2024 of \$85,298.97 and that the Insurance Fund had a balance at that same date of \$437,569.54. It was noted for record that the Board Packet also contained the Treasurer's Report for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurance Fund Report as of October 31, 2024 which contained the foregoing information as well as the Cash on Hand Distribution Report and the Fund breakdown; the Financial Statement for the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Funds as of October 31, 2024; the October 2024 Expenditure Report by Budget Line Item; the Audit Fund Financial Statement as of October 31, 2024; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement as of October 31, 2024; the Pension Fund Financial Statement as of October 31, 2024; the Bond Project/Debt Service Fund Financial

Statement as of October 31, 2024; the Tax Receipts Summary and Disbursements Report through October 15, 2024; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for October 2024; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for October 2024. Upon motion of Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted 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 in the normal course of business in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. Mr. Fischer indicated he had no report to present.

The meeting next turned to the Fire Chief's Report. The Chief presented his report in written form and commented orally upon it in the usual manner.

The Chief reported that he had participated in a table top disaster drill with representatives of Illinois American Water Company and the Godfrey Emergency Management Director which was directed to water supply support and operation in the event of a disaster which might disrupt the Illinois American system serving the Godfrey area. He noted that the company appears to be well prepared for such an eventuality.

The Chief reported that there were 233 calls in the month of October of which 170 were medical calls and 1 was a building fire consisting of a garage fire.

Under Personnel Matters, the Chief reported that the 2 new probationary firefighters, Mr. Taul and Mr. Goeken, had begun their shifts at the beginning of the current week after completion of Fire Academy training. They were welcomed by those attending the meeting.

Under Grants, the Chief advised that the District would be applying for a Federal AFG grant and that it continues to await word regarding the Office of the State Fire Marshal Small Equipment Grant which is pending. He noted that the Illinois American Water Company \$1,000 grant would be the subject of a check presentation scheduled for November 20, 2024.

Under Station/Apparatus/Equipment matters, the Chief reported that the window tinting film for the new station had been ordered and a deposit paid with a planned start date for installation of November 29, 2024. He advised that the aerial apparatus which is under manufacture by E-One is having various discrepancies corrected. The Chief again noted that

various new station items for correction had been submitted to SM Wilson. He reported that the irrigation system would be winterized on November 20.

Under Business Inspections, the Chief advised that business inspections are in progress.

Under Training, the Chief advised that 2024 training is on schedule and in the process of completion.

Under Special Notes, the Chief noted he would be on vacation later in the month of November and that the architects for the new fire station had advised that the station had been awarded a Gold Award by Firehouse Magazine.

There followed a brief discussion regarding the water bill for the new fire station and it was noted that it had improved by 50% since the last meeting. This was attributed to ceasing use of the irrigation system.

The meeting next turned to the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Mr. Sowders advised that there was no report and that the Board had not met in the last month.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney reported briefly regarding the ongoing Federal OSHA Informal Hearings in connection with the proposed adoption of new regulations regarding emergency service responses.

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

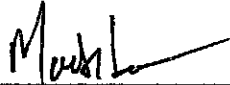
The meeting next turned to Other Business.

Under the first item of other business, the Board took up the adoption of the 2024 Tax Levy. There was discussion regarding the levy and a motion was made by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved to approve the 2024 Tax Levy with a 5% upward adjustment over the 2023 tax extension total. Thereafter, a proposed ordinance adopting a levy in the amount of \$3,235,272, not including the Bond Issue Levy, was presented and upon motion of Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved, Ordinance No. 24-02 being entitled "An Ordinance Levying Taxes For all Purposes for the Godfrey Fire Protection District, Madison and Jersey Counties, Illinois, For the Year 2024, To Be Collected And Paid In 2025" was adopted.

The meeting next turned to funding of the new aerial apparatus. It was noted that it had been determined that the additions to the cost of the truck would total \$53,341.19 and that a February delivery is still anticipated. There was discussion regarding financing and Mr. Horn indicated that he would talk to local banks regarding their interest in providing financing.

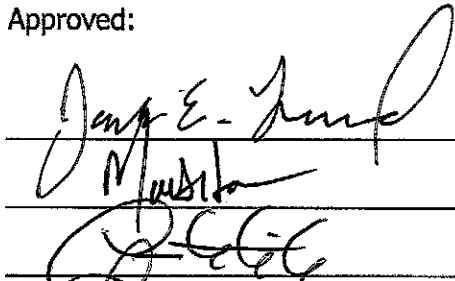
The Chair inquired of the Chief regarding personnel matters and the Chief advised there were no personnel matters to be taken up.

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:



Being All of The Trustees of the
Godfrey Fire Protection District