GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On June 15, 2026, 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.

In attendance were Trustees Horn, Hagedorn, and Leonard. Also present for the meeting were Fire Commissioners Clemons, Cox, and Sowders; Fire Chief Cranmer; members of the Fire Department; members of the public; and legal counsel for the District.

The Chair first called for announcements. The Fire Chief noted the passing of former Department members William Ressler and James Fowler and a moment of silence was recognized for them.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2026 were presented and upon motion of Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and unanimously approved, the minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting next turned to the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Leonard reported regarding the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare-Audit-Insurance Funds as of May 31, 2026. At May 1, 2026, the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Fund had a beginning balance of $1,261,977.08; there were receipts during the month of $22,070.12; and there were disbursements of $202,197.57 leaving an ending balance at May 31, 2026 in that fund of $1,081,849,63. He reported that the Audit Fund at May 31, 2026 stood at $80,077.02 and the Insurance Fund had a balance at May 31, 2026 of $363,830.74 making the total balance of all funds at May 31, 2026 $1,525,757.39. For record purposes, it was noted that the Board Packet also contained the General-Emergency & Rescue-FICA/Medicare Funds Financial Statement reflecting actual to budget and year to date receipts and disbursements; the May 2026 Expenditure Report by budget line item; the Audit Fund Financial Statement at May 31, 2026; the Insurance Fund Financial Statement at May 31, 2026; the Pension Fund Financial Statement at May 31, 2026; the Bond Debt Service Fund at May 31, 2026; the Receipts & Disbursements YTD Comparison Report for May 2026; and the Detail-Receipts & Disbursements Report for May 2026. Upon motion of Mr. Hagedorn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The Chair called for a motion to pay the bills of the District as same come due in the normal course of business in accordance with the bill payment procedure of the District. A motion to that effect was made by Mr. Hagedorn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, and unanimously approved. It was noted for record purposes that the Board Packet contained the Warrant Report as of June 15, 2026.

The meeting next turned to the President's Report. There was no report.

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

Under Personnel, he advised that Mr. Stratton remains off duty due to ear surgery and that he is anticipating hiring additional personnel in July in order to correlate the hiring with the upcoming Fire Academy Program at Southwestern Illinois College.

Under Grants, the Chief advised that the District has been awarded a Small Equipment Grant by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the amount of $20,260.00 which will be used for extrication gear. He reported to the Board that a Federal Grant application would be submitted and is expected to request funding for lift bags, hose, and nozzles.

Under Station/Apparatus/Equipment, the Chief reported that Unit 1422 is at Banner for paint work and that a tentative sale of Unit 1412 has been made to the Allin Township Fire Protection District. The Chief advised that he had obtained three quotes to cut trees on the District property, and that he needs to make contact with All-American Painting in order to move forward with the bay floor correction. The Chief noted that the CO Monitors of the Department are reaching the end of their useful life and will need to be replaced. He anticipates the cost will be approximately $200.00 each with 5 being needed.

Under Business Inspections, the Chief advised that these are ongoing.

He noted that the Truck Maintenance Report is contained in the Board Packet.

He noted for action items the purchase of the CO Monitors and sale of the Unit 1412 apparatus.

The meeting next turned to the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Mr. Sowders advised that testing dates for promotional eligibility have been set for October 1 and October 2. He noted that the Board will be dividing the interview panels between the Assistant Chief and the Captain/Lieutenant interviews.

There was a brief discussion regarding lift assist calls tracking by the District, and the Chief noted that this is ongoing. He presented a schedule of their calls since the adoption of the ordinance providing for charges for lift assist calls.

The meeting next turned to the Attorney's Report. The attorney discussed briefly the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts and the topics which were of interest at the meeting.

The meeting next turned to Other Business.

Under Station Matters, it was noted that the painting of the bay floor will proceed pursuant to prior approval by the Board.

The Board next took up apparatus and equipment matters as well as disposition of surplus equipment and a motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and unanimously approved to approve the sale of Unit 1412 at a price of $129,500.00 to the Allin Township Fire Protection District.

The meeting next turned to the appointment of a member to the Board of Fire Commissioners and the attorney advised that the term of Mr. Clemons expires this year. Upon motion of Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and unanimously approved, Delbert Clemons was reappointed for a three-year term as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The meeting next turned to a discussion of the 2026-2027 Budget. Mr. Horn indicated that additional figures have been submitted to the attorney for the Final Budget for adoption in July and that additional information is needed regarding the truck loan balance and the payoff on that financing.

The Board next discussed the IFPIF Board Election. It was noted that this would occur later in the year.

The meeting next turned to the tree removal quotes which had been obtained by the Fire Chief. These were reviewed and Mr. Horn indicated that he recommends the Wilson Outdoor Services, LLC proposal at a cost of $2,850.00 as the lowest bid. A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and unanimously approved to accept the Wilson Outdoor Services, LLC quote. The Chief was requested to follow up with that firm.

The meeting next turned to Fire Chief action items and a motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hagedorn, and unanimously approved, to purchase 5 CO Detectors to replace the current units which are ending their useful life.

The meeting next turned to review of closed session minutes and the attorney advised that based on his review he would not recommend any release of closed session minutes at this time. Without objection, no action was taken regarding releasing closed session minutes.

There was a brief discussion regarding the next apparatus acquisition by the District, and it was indicated by the Department that this would be a tender based upon the age of the current unit which is a 2004 vintage.

The meeting next turned to Personnel Matters. The Chief indicated he is awaiting a start date designation by Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) for their Fire Academy Training Program. He postulated the Board would be requested to make a decision about additional hiring at the July Board meeting. There was discussion regarding the Chief contacting the eligible candidates on the District's eligibility hiring list to determine their interest and availability.

There was a brief discussion regarding the August meeting and it was agreed that the August meeting would be moved from August 24, 2026 to August 17, 2026 with the meeting to commence at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Eric D Hagedo
Secretary

Approved:

Being All of the Trustees of the
Godfrey Fire Protection District