

# **Bensenville Fire Protection District #2**

Conference Room  
500 S. York  
Bensenville, IL 60106

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

January 14, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** I. Trustee Strandt called the meeting to order at 4:50pm

**PRESENT:** II. Upon roll call, the following Board Members were present:

**Robert Strandt, George Freda, Robert Hjelmgren**

**A quorum was present.**

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Paul DeMichele, George Jeffries

### **AWARDS AND PRESENTATION OF SERVICE BARS**

Chief Spain presented the service bars to firefighters that have completed certifications.

### **COMMISSIONING OF FIREFIGHTERS JIM BOYK, EUGENE MARTIN AND ADAM SOCHACKI**

Attorney Don Potts presented the certificates for the firefighters who have completed their probationary period.

### **PLEDGE OF**

**ALLIGIANCE:** III. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

### **DISCUSSION ON FIRE DISTRICT #1 PROPOSED PROPOSITION ON THE FEBRUARY 2 VOTING BALLOT.**

DeMichele explained why the referendum was worded in the ballot as presented with the aid of the legal representation of the Bensenville Fire Protection District No. 1. He went on to say that the District does not favor the wording but the wording has to remain as such due to legal counsel. Elmhurst does not want the residents to vote on this ballot. The President questioned if any marketing has been done to inform the residents of the ballot and if any opinions have been expressed to sway the residents one way or another. Strandt questioned if the contract will continue up until 2013. Demichele thinks that it will continue on for four years and revert back after the four years. The attorney representing District 1 was not present to verify his understanding of the ballot.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 16, 2009 special board meeting and the November 16, 2009 special board meeting were presented.

### **Motion**

Trustee Strandt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the December 16, 2009 special meeting. Trustee Freda seconded that motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried  
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All were in favor. Motion carried

#### **APPROVAL OF WARRANT**

The warrant was presented in the amount of \$156,270.11

**Motion** Trustee Strandt made a motion to approve the warrant in the amount of **\$156,270.11**. Trustee Freda seconded that motion.  
All were in favor. Motion carried

#### **2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT UPDATE**

Chief Spain presented gave an update on the 2009 Assistance to firefighter grant which was submitted. Chief Spain provided the information as to what the District requested for the grant.

#### **DISCUSSION OF A PART-TIME TRAINING OFFICER POSITION FOR THE DISTRICT**

Chief Spain presented the possibility of hiring a part-time training officer for the District. Chief Spain provided the estimates of what it will cost the District to hire a part-time training officer. The training will cover all three shifts and will be provided on a weekly basis.

**Motion** Trustee Strandt made a motion to approve the hiring of a part-time training officer. Trustee Freda seconded that motion.  
All were in favor. Motion carried

#### **DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE TESTING CRITERIA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW FIREFIGHTER LIST**

Chief Spain presented the testing criteria for the new firefighter list for the District which will be implemented in the 2010 year. He discussed the changes that were made.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS**

Chief Spain presented the administrative contracts for review.

**Motion** Trustee Strandt made a motion to approve the administrative contracts with the revisions of the attorney and a salary increase of 4% for administrative personnel. Trustee Freda seconded that motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried

##### **UPDATE OF OPERATION OF A NEW FOREIGN FIRE TAX BOARD**

Chief Spain discussed that the new foreign fire tax board has been formed.

##### **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FORMING OF A DISTRICT FOUNDATION**

**To be tabled until the next meeting.**

## **UPDATE ON DISPATCH VENDERS**

Chief Spain provided an update on the progress with preparing to switch dispatching services to Norcomm. The Zetron will be updated to a digital versus the analog. The cost of upgrading the Zetron system will be incorporated into the dispatch contract and will be paid through the life of the contract.

## **CLOSED SESSION 6:10PM**

**Motion** Trustee Strandt made a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing administrative contracts for District employees. Trustee Freda seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:** Trustee Strandt, Trustee Freda, Trustee Hjelmgren

## **OPEN SESSSION 8:04pm**

**Motion** Trustee Strandt made a motion to go into open session. Trustee Freda seconded the motion.

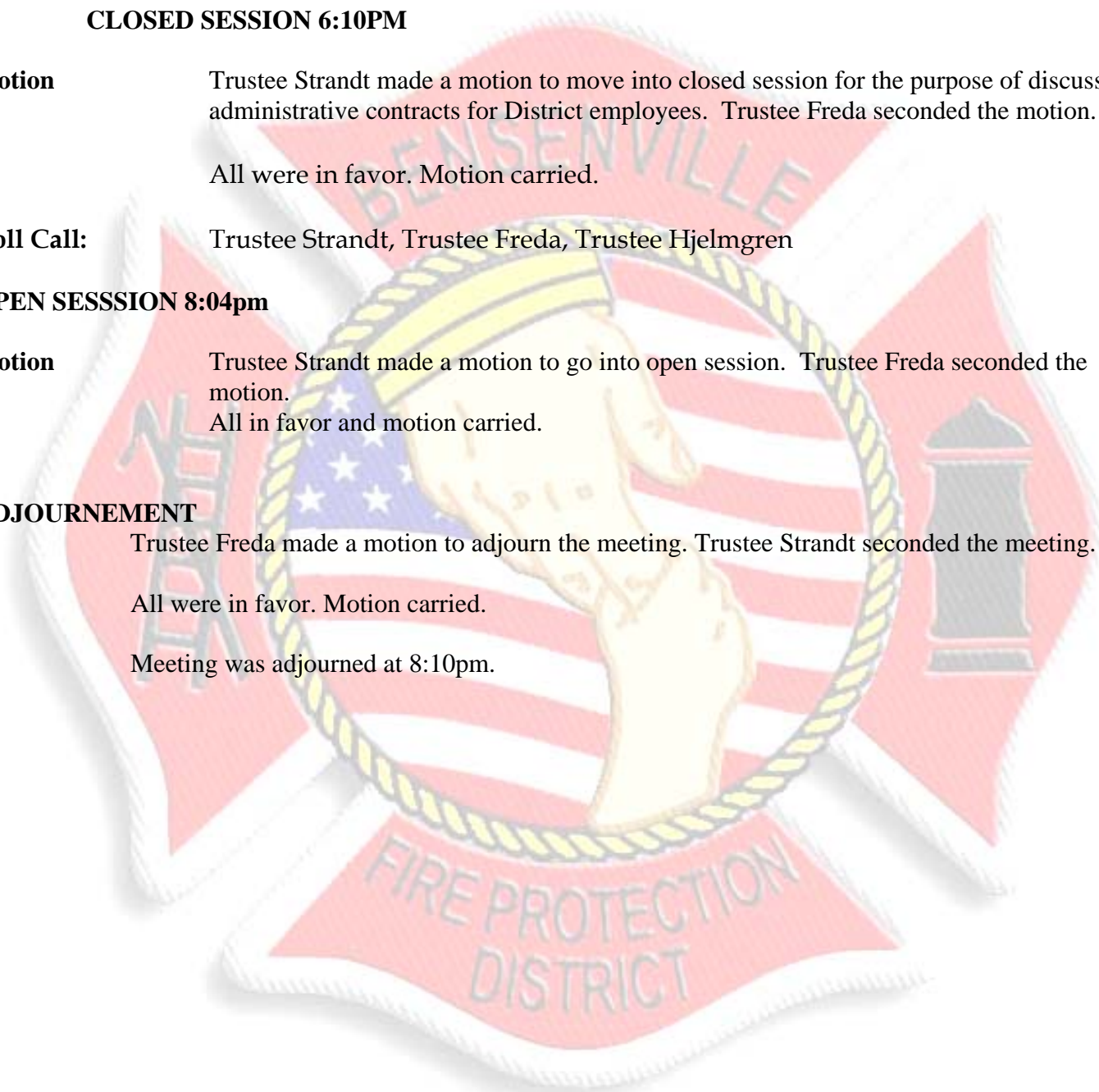
All in favor and motion carried.

## **ADJOURNEMENT**

Trustee Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Strandt seconded the meeting.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.





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#### **CLOSED SESSION 6:10pm**

**Motion** Trustee Strandt made a motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing administrative contracts for District employees. Trustee Freda seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:** Trustee Strandt, Trustee Freda, Trustee Hjelmgren

**Others:** Donald Potts

**Discussion:** The administrative contracts for District employees was reviewed as presented and recommendation for changes were made to Attorney Donald Potts. No action took place during closed session.

#### **Motion into open session 8:04pm**

Trustee Strandt made a motion to go into open session. Trustee Freda seconded the motion.

All in favor and motion carried.

