

Bensenville Fire Protection District #2
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BENSENVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bensenville Fire Protection District #2 was held at Station 107 located at 500 S. York Road, Bensenville, IL on January 18, 2024.

Board Members:

Mr. Jerry Budnik, President	Doug Halverson, Fire Chief/Administrator
Mr. Douglas Eltman, Treasurer	Attorney Joseph Miller
Mr. Nicholas Panicola Sr., Secretary	Attorney Megan Lamb

At 4:42pm, Trustee Eltman called the regular meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: Jerry Budnik absent, Douglas Eltman present, Nicholas Panicola present. Trustee Panicola made a motion to appoint Trustee Eltman President pro-tem. Roll call, Trustee Eltman, aye, Trustee Panicola, aye. 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Public Comments

None

Reading of Minutes

Trustee Eltman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Item I, of the December 19, 2023, regular meeting, and approve them as written. Trustee Panicola seconded. Minutes were approved. Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye.

2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Trustee Eltman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 19, 2023, closed session meeting. Items A-H & J were approved as written and will be kept sealed, Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye.

2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts Payable

Trustee Panicola made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written, and the expenses and payroll as follows:

January 2024 Operating Expenses:	\$ 156,488.66
January 2024 Other Funds:	\$ 98,975.08
January 2024 Payroll:	\$ 307,038.30
Total:	\$ 562,502.04

Trustee Eltman seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye.
2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Old Business

- a) None

New Business

- a) Trustee Eltman made a motion to approve a raise increase for Part-time fill in personnel to \$23.00 for paramedics and \$25.00 for firefighter/paramedic. Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye. 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- b) Trustee Panicola made a motion to approve the Sikich LLC audit from 2022 for the Bensenville Fire Protection District. Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye. 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.
- c) Trustee Eltman made a motion to approve and to direct the commissioners to hire 3 full time new hires. A presentation was given by Fire Chief Halverson. Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye. 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved.

Correspondence

- a) The Chief read a gratitude letter from the Forest Preserve regarding a vehicle our personnel removed from the lake.

Announcements & Reports

- Attorney's Report:
Attorney Lamb discussed upcoming Legislation. She also noted that that NIAFPD conference is coming up. She will be speaking on TIF's.
- Chief's Report:
Chief reported on number and types of calls for the month and year to date. The Chief gave an update regarding on and off-duty injuries. Discussion on training attended by members. Update on specific calls responded by shift. Update on Apparatus maintenance and repairs. Update on station maintenance and repairs. Update on meetings attended. Updates regarding education on Image Trend and Continued Education done by the Officers and shift personnel. Chief Halverson thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting. Brief discussion about the interview process. The Chief spoke about the ADA upgrades being planned for the building. Update on Ready Rebound for 2023; review and savings to our district. Chief distributed his 2023 annual report to the Trustees. Chief presented record of time report to the Trustees showing time used and time remaining for personnel. Discussion of a possible traffic signal in from of station 107 to keep traffic from blocking the apron of the station.
- Calendar of Events & Other Announcements:
None

Closed Session

None

Other Business

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Eltman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm. Trustee Panicola seconded. Roll call vote: Trustee Eltman, aye; Trustee Panicola, aye.

2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.



Nicholas Panicola Sr., Secretary

