

Rockland Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
Rockland Fire Protection District, Meeting Room
14 Skokie Highway, Lake Bluff, IL 60044

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. President Malinowski called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following attendance noted:

Trustee/President Marcin Malinowski	Chief Rich Carani [Libertyville FD]
Trustee/Secretary Amy Bernstein	Chief Peter Siebert [Lake Forest FD]
Trustee/Chris Johnson (Absent)	Attorney James G. Wargo
Treasurer Karl Snoblin	

Quorum acknowledged.

Others Present. John Sieman, Don Russ, Dan Rogers.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation led by President Malinowski.
3. Consideration of Minutes. The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 11, 2021. Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting of January 11, 2021. No further discussion. Voice vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). The motion passed.
4. Chiefs' Report.
 - a. Chief Carani reviewed the summary of services provided by the Libertyville FD to the District for the month of January, including his written summary provided to the Board, which included 5 response calls for the month of January. Chief Carani also advised the Board that Libertyville and Lake Forest are working on preparing the Annual Service Fee amount for fire and ambulance service under the intergovernmental agreement beginning May 1st.
 - b. Chief Siebert reviewed the summary of services provided by the Lake Forest FD to the District for the month of January, including his written summary provided to the Board. Chief Siebert reported that the Lake Forest FD responded to 11 total calls for the month of January, including 10 ambulance calls and 1 service call. He also advised that the Department will be taking delivery of its new ambulance in the next couple of days. The Department is also finishing up on the vaccinations for its personnel.
5. Public Comment. Dan Rogers posed a series of questions to the Board regarding the District's operations. Mr. Rogers also provided the Board a written copy of his questions and volunteered to meet with any of the Trustees to discuss his questions.

Donald Russ also addressed the Board. He raised a question regarding the posting of corrected minutes for the February 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Russ also requested that the unapproved minutes of the Board meetings be posted on the District's website.

Trustee Malinowski then attempted to answer some of the questions posed by Mr. Rogers.

6. Attorney's Report. Attorney Wargo advised the Board that he and Trustee Bernstein certified ballot for the upcoming Consolidated Election in April. He also reminded the Board that the Annual Statement of Economic Interests for each of the Trustees is due on May 1, 2021.
7. Treasurer's Report, January 2021. Treasurer Snoblin presented the District's balance sheet as of January 31, 2021, which read as follows:

LF Bank and Trust – Checking	\$359,400.88
LF Bank and Trust – Reserve	\$ 311,155.92
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 112.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 670,669.29

Treasurer Snoblin also reviewed the highlights of the District's profit & loss/budget tracking report through January 31, 2021. He advised that the District has paid 100% of the fee for the fiscal year on the service contract with Libertyville and Lake Forest.

No further discussion. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Snoblin seconded by Trustee Malinowski. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski and Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). The motion passed.

8. Review of Outstanding Invoices. The Board reviewed the list of outstanding invoices in the total amount of \$ 133,373.47.

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve payment of invoices as presented in the amount of \$133,373.47. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski and Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). The motion passed.

Treasurer Snoblin also presented for payment an invoice in the amount of \$350.00 from Next World Communications. Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve payment of the invoice from Next World Communications in the amount of \$350.00. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski and Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). The motion passed.

9. Performance Analysis update. Trustee Malinowski advised that Trustee Johnson is working on this matter and that the Board will postpone the matter for further discussion at the next meeting.
10. IGA State Medicare Funding/Ambulance Billing. Attorney Wargo advised that there was nothing further to discuss by the Board on this matter.
11. Lease or sale of the Rockland FD Building. Trustee Malinowski informed the Board that he contacted Eric Tooke from Office of the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the Fire Station property. Mr. Tooke advised Trustee Malinowski that the property would need to be rezoned to general commercial in order to allow the property to be used for any commercial purpose. The rezoning process typically takes three to four months to complete and would cost approximately \$3,000. Mr. Tooke also advised that the County would likely push through the paperwork necessary to rezone the property unless there is an incoming tenant to rent the property. Mr. Rogers was allowed to further address the Board and indicated that he did not believe that the District would need an incoming tenant to rezone the property to general commercial. The Fire Station property is currently zoned R-3.
12. Board discussion/update regarding IDOT improvements. Trustee Malinowski indicated that he did not have any further update.

13. Other items as may be lawfully brough before the Board. Trustee Malinowski advised that he had received comments from certain District residents regarding issues related to the roads and snowplowing. Trustee Malinowski indicated that he did reach out to the Township regarding snowplowing issues. Treasurer Snoblin advised the Board that the District's radio license from the FCC (WNVR 1660) will expire on March 6, 2021. The Board decided that there was no reason to renew the license.
14. Adjournment. There being no further business, Trustee Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m., which was seconded by Trustee Bernstein. Voice vote: The Motion was approved by a voice vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski and Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

James G. Wargo
District Attorney

Approved _____, 2021

Marcin Malinowski, Board President

Amy Bernstein, Board Secretary