

Rockland Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
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 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following attendance noted:

Trustee/President Marcin Malinowski  
Trustee/Secretary Amy Bernstein  
Trustee/Chris Johnson  
Treasurer Karl Snoblin

Chief Rich Carani [Libertyville FD]  
Chief Peter Siebert [Lake Forest FD]  
Attorney James G. Wargo

Quorum acknowledged.

Others Present. A member of the public was present.

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 March 14, 2022. Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for March 14, 2022. No further discussion. Voice vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein and Johnson ), 0 Nay. The motion passed.
4. Chiefs' Report.
  - a. Deputy Chief Siebert reviewed the summary of services provided by the Lake Forest FD to the District for the month of March, including a written summary provided to the Board. Chief Siebert reported the Lake Forest FD responded to a total of 17 calls for the month of February, including 13 ambulance calls, 1 service call, 1 good intent call, and 2 false alarm calls. Chief Siebert informed the Board that Deputy Chief Kevin Cronin retired and April 1, 2022 and that Mike Gallow will be taking over as Deputy Chief. Chief Siebert also informed the Board that Remax owner is proceeding with correcting the identified violations after being threatened with a fine.
  - b. Chief Carani provided a written report of services provided by the Libertyville FD to the District for the month of March. The March report indicated that the Libertyville FD responded to a total of 6 ambulance calls for the month of March, including 5 ambulance calls and 1 service call. Chief Carani advised that the Department has recently made some promotions and hired a new full-time firefighter. He also advised that the Department will be picking up its new engine in May and that the Village of Libertyville will be approving its budget at the board meeting tomorrow.
5. Public Comment. No public comment.
6. Attorney's Report. Attorney Wargo advised the Board on the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for filing Statement of Economic Interests statements.

7. Treasurer's Report, March 2022. Treasurer Snoblin presented the District's balance sheet as of March 31, 2022, which read as follows:

LF Bank and Trust – Checking	\$394,693.80
LF Bank and Trust – Reserve	\$ 311,228.21
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 100.45</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 706,022.46</b>

Treasurer Snoblin advised the Board that the District is currently in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the fiscal year with almost all of the District's revenues having been received. He also advised the District received a \$4,000 check from the Illinois Department of Revenue. The fire service contract has been fully paid for the fiscal year. Building maintenance budget is over approximately \$200. He also advised that the Trustee's salaries will be paid out next month and that he will present a proposed budget at next month's meeting.

No further discussion. Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Snoblin. Roll call vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

8. Review of Outstanding Invoices. The Board reviewed the list of outstanding invoices in the total amount of \$9,363.28

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve payment of invoices as presented in the amount of \$9,363.28. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

Treasurer Snoblin also informed the Board that all of the Trustees had completed their advanced trustee training and requested a motion to approve payment of \$1,500 to each Trustee.

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve salary payments to each Trustee in the amount of \$1,500. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

Treasurer Snoblin also advised the Board that he received notice from Lake County that the District is due for its backflow test. He also advised the Board that he received the tax levy extension worksheet from the County regarding the 2021 tax levy.

9. Intergovernmental Agreement for Facilities Sharing with Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS). Attorney Wargo advised that he spoke with the attorney for NIPAS who indicated that NIPAS is still interested in the intergovernmental agreement but has some concerns in light of the exemption issues experienced by the District. A brief discussion occurred regarding the property tax exemption issues surrounding the contemplated transaction. Attorney Wargo advised that he would follow-up with the County's Chief Assessment Officer regarding the contemplated agreement with NIPAS.
10. Performance Analysis Update. Trustee Johnson had no update on the performance analysis.
11. Lease or sale of the Rockland FD Building. Trustee Malinowski combined agenda items 11 and 12 and advised that he has a scheduled call with Mike Cullian from IDOT regarding the status of

the roadway improvements project. A brief discussion occurred regarding the contemplated rezoning of the fire station.

12. Board discussion/update regarding IDOT improvements. Trustee Malinowski combined Agenda Item 12 with Item 11 above.

13. Other items as may be lawfully brough before the Board. No additional items.

14. Adjournment. There being no further business, Trustee Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., which was seconded by Trustee Bernstein. Voice vote: The Motion was approved by a voice vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. Meeting adjourned at 6:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Wargo  
District's Attorney

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Marcin Malinowski, Board President

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Amy Bernstein, Board Secretary