

Rockland Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, November 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 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following attendance noted:

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

An initial motion was made by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to allow Trustee Johnson to attend the meeting via telephone due to employment purposes. No further discussion. Voice vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

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 October 11, 2021. Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 11, 2021. No further discussion. Voice vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.
4. Chiefs' Report.
 - a. Division Chief Gallo provided the monthly summary report for October for the Lake Forest Fire Department. For the month of October, the Lake Forest FD responded to 19 total calls, including 13 rescue and emergency medical calls, 1 hazardous condition call, 3 service calls, and 2 false alarm calls. Division Chief Gallo noted that the average response time on these calls was six minutes and thirty-one seconds. He also noted that the physicians' offices at the medical facility located at on Shagbark and Route 176 opened last week. The immediate care center portion of the facility has yet to open.
 - b. Chief Carani provided the monthly summary report for October for the Libertyville Fire Department. For the month of October, the Libertyville FD responded to 5 total calls, including 4 rescue and emergency medical calls and 1 hazardous condition call.

Chief Carani also brought up Senate Bill 1420 regarding the dissolution of the Rockland Fire Protection District introduced by State Senator Dan McConchie from Lake Zurich. Specifically, the bill provided that the Rockland Fire Protection District would be dissolved into the Libertyville Fire Protection District. Attorney Wargo provided additional background on the legislation, including the initial proposed bill that provided that all "inoperative" fire protection districts would be dissolved into the closest neighboring fire protection district that is operating a

fire department. He further advised that the legislation was approved by the Illinois Senate but never made it to the House side. As such, the bill is dead at this time but it could be introduced again during the January 2022 session of the General Assembly. The Board was also advised that according to certain sources, members of the Illinois Senate were told that the Rockland Fire Protection District and the Libertyville Fire Protection District supported the bill, which is why it passed with such a high number of votes. Attorney Wargo was also informed by the attorney for the Libertyville Fire Protection District that they were not aware of the legislation prior to the vote and are opposed to it.

Chief Carani further advised that he sent out a letter to the Lake County Fire Chief regarding the legislation to clarify that the legislation did not originate from the Village of Libertyville, the Libertyville Fire Protection District or the Rockland Fire Protection District.

Trustee Johnson also thanked Chief Carani for meeting with him and Treasurer Snoblin last week to discuss the fire and emergency response services being provided to the District under the IGA.

5. Public Comment. No public comment.
6. Attorney’s Report. Attorney Wargo advised the Board that he along with Trustee Malinowski and Treasurer Snoblin attended a hearing via Zoom before the Lake County Board of Review regarding the tax exempt status of the Fire Station. At that hearing, the Board of Review voted to terminate the tax exempt status of the property based on their claim that there has been a change in use of the property. As a result of this ruling, Attorney Wargo advised that he is in the process of preparing a new application for tax exempt status of the property to be filed with the Board of Review.

Attorney Wargo also advised the Board that he reached out to the City Attorney for Lake Forest regarding the Board’s proposal to maintain a 2% floor on rate increases under the service IGA with Libertyville and Lake Forest. The City Attorney’s responded that the City was not interested in amending the IGA at this time. A brief discussion occurred regarding the proposal.

Attorney Wargo also advised that he has a bill in the amount of \$504 from the Tribune Company for the publication of the District’s budget and appropriations ordinance that needs to be paid. A brief discussion occurred regarding the payment of publication invoices.

7. Treasurer’s Report, October 31, 2021. Trustee Malinowski presented the District’s balance sheet as of October 31, 2021, which read as follows:

LF Bank and Trust – Checking	\$551,312.41
LF Bank and Trust – Reserve	\$ 311,202.46
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 112.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 862,627.36

Trustee Malinowski advised that the District is six (6) months or half way through the fiscal year. The District has received 94.8% of its anticipated revenues for the fiscal year. The District has also paid 75% of the service IGA. All other line items are at or under budget.

At 6:34 p.m., Trustee Johnson left the meeting.

No further discussion. Motion by Trustee Bernstein, seconded by Trustee Malinowski, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski, 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 \$135,015.22.

Motion by Trustee Bernstein, seconded by Trustee Malinowski, to approve payment of the invoices as presented in the amount of \$135,015.22. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). The motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$504 from the Tribune Company for publication of the 2021-2022 budget and appropriations ordinance. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Johnson). The motion passed.

At 6:37 p.m., Trustee Johnson returned to the meeting.

9. Resolution 2021-01 Making the 2021 Truth in Taxation Determination. Attorney introduced the resolution and explained the truth in taxation process. Specifically, each public body is required to make an initial determination on the amount of its property tax levy for the year. If the anticipated tax levy amount for the year will be more than 105% of the final aggregate extension amount for the prior year, the public body is required to hold a truth in taxation hearing prior to the adoption of the annual tax levy ordinance. If the levy amount will not be more than 105% of the prior year's final aggregate extension, no public hearing is required prior to the adoption of the current year's tax levy ordinance.

As set forth in the resolution, the District's proposed levy amount for the 2021 tax levy is \$721,246.11, which is an amount that is not more than 105% of the amount extended on behalf of the District for the year 2020. As such, no public hearing will be required by the District prior to the adoption of the 2021 tax levy.

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve Resolution 2021-01 of the Rockland Fire Protection District, Lake County, Illinois, Making the Truth in Taxation Finding Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-55 for the 2021 Levy. No further discussion. Roll Call Vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

10. Discussion/Action on the Intergovernmental Agreement for Facilities Sharing with Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS). Attorney Wargo advised that he had a discussion with Ben Schuster, the attorney for NIPAS. Attorney Schuster indicated that NIPAS has some concerns regarding the proposed insurance provisions in the agreement. Attorney Wargo advised Attorney Schuster to amend the insurance provisions as necessary for further consideration.
11. Discussion over the IGA pricing formula. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
12. Performance Analysis update. Trustee Johnson advised the a business partners agreement is needed for the Glenview dispatch center to release its dispatch data. He is waiting on that agreement.

13. Lease or sale of the Rockland FD Building. Trustee Malinowski indicated that he will continue to work on this matter.
14. Board discussion/update regarding IDOT improvements. Trustee Malinowski indicated that he had nothing new to report from IDOT.
15. Other items as may be lawfully brough before the Board. None.
16. Adjournment. There being no further business, Trustee Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 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 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Wargo
District Attorney

Approved _____, 2021

Christopher Johnson, President Pro Tempore

Amy Bernstein, Board Secretary