

Rockland Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 13, 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 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following attendance noted:

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

Quorum acknowledged.

An initial motion was made by Trustee Bernstein to appoint Trustee Johnson as President Tempore for this meeting, seconded by Trustee Johnson. No further discussion. Voice vote: 2 Aye (Bernstein, Johnson), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The motion passed.

Others Present. A member of the public was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation led by President Pro Tempore Johnson.
3. Consideration of Minutes. The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 8, 2021. Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 8, 2021. No further discussion. Voice vote: 2 Aye (Bernstein, Johnson), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The motion passed.
4. Chiefs' Report.
  - a. Chief Siebert provided the monthly summary report for November for the Lake Forest Fire Department. For the month of November, the Lake Forest FD responded to 13 total calls, including 9 rescue and emergency medical calls, 1 hazardous condition call, 2 good intent calls, and 1 false alarm call. Chief Siebert also noted that through November, the Lake Forest Fire FD has responded to a total of 152 calls. Chief Siebert also discussed the upcoming Santa Ride.
  - b. Chief Carani provided the monthly summary report for November for the Libertyville Fire Department. For the month of November, the Libertyville FD responded to 3 total calls, including 1 rescue and emergency medical call, 1 hazardous condition call, and 1 false alarm call. Chief Carani advised the Board that the department received its ISO scores last week and the department has maintained its ISO rating of 3.
5. Public Comment. No public comment.
6. Attorney's Report. Attorney Wargo advised the Board that he participated in a hearing before the Lake County Board of Review via Zoom along with Trustee Malinowski and Treasurer Snoblin regarding the District's most recent property tax exemption application filed with the Lake County Board of Review. A discussion occurred regarding the hearing. Attorney Wargo also

discussed the opportunity for the Board to appeal the most recent property tax assessment against the fire station building related to the loss of the property's tax exempt status.

7. Treasurer's Report, November 30, 2021. Treasurer Snoblin presented the District's balance sheet as of November 30, 2021, which read as follows:

LF Bank and Trust – Checking	\$ 528,782.26
LF Bank and Trust – Reserve	\$ 311,207.58
Petty Cash	\$ 112.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 840,102.33</b>

Treasurer Snoblin advised that the District is seven (7) months through the fiscal year. The District has paid 75% of the service IGA and all other budget items are on track.

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

8. Review of Outstanding Invoices. The Board reviewed the list of outstanding invoices in the total amount of \$37,166.65.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve payment of the invoices as presented in the amount of \$37,166.65. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Johnson, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The motion passed.

A further discussion occurred regarding the needed repairs for the alarm panel.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to authorize payment of up to \$3,000 for the repair of the alarm panel by Intersecurity Systems, Inc. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Johnson, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The motion passed.

9. Ordinance 2021-02 Levying and Assessing 2021 Taxes. Treasurer Snoblin introduced the District's 2021 tax levy ordinance. A brief discussion occurred regarding the proposed levy.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02, an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Rockland Fire Protection District, Lake County, Illinois for 2021. No further discussion. Roll Call Vote: 2 Aye (Johnson, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The motion passed.

10. Discussion/Action on the Intergovernmental Agreement for Facilities Sharing with Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS). Attorney Wargo advised the Board on his prior discussion with NIPAS's Attorney regarding the IGA and the concerns he raised regarding the pending property tax issues with the fire station. Attorney Wargo advised that he would follow-up with their attorney to check on their current position on the IGA.

11. Discussion over the IGA pricing formula. A discussion occurred regarding the IGA pricing formula. The pricing formula will remain as interpreted by the City and the Village.

12. Performance Analysis update. Trustee Johnson advised that there was nothing to report.

13. Lease or sale of the Rockland FD Building. Trustee Johnson indicated that this item was previously covered in the discussion regarding the IGA with NIPAS. There was nothing further to report.
14. Board discussion/update regarding IDOT improvements. Trustee Johnson indicated that there was nothing further to discuss.
15. 2022 Meeting Schedule. A discussion occurred regarding the meeting schedule for 2022. The Board agreed to continue the meetings on the current schedule of the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.  
  
Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, that the 2022 regular meeting dates for the Board of Trustees to be the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Rockland FPD Fire Station, 14 Skokie Highway, Lake Bluff, Illinois. Roll call vote: 2 Aye (Johnson, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The motion passed.
16. Other items as may be lawfully brought before the Board. None.
17. Adjournment. There being no further business, Trustee Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m., which was seconded by Trustee Bernstein. Voice vote: The motion was approved by a voice vote: 2 Aye (Johnson, Bernstein), 0 Nay, 1 Absent (Malinowski). The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Wargo  
District Attorney

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Johnson, President Pro Tempore

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Bernstein, Board Secretary