

Rockland Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020
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

Dep. Chief Michael J. Pakosta [Libertyville FD]
Deputy Chief Kevin Cronin [Lake Forest FD]
Attorney James G. Wargo

Quorum acknowledged.

Others Present. Mike Sieman and Rod Bozic.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation led by President Malinowski.
3. Consideration of Minutes. The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the regular meeting of the BOT on October 12, 2020. Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Bernstein to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting of October 12, 2020. No further discussion. Voice vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.
4. Chiefs' Report.
 - a. Deputy Chief Pakosta reviewed the summary of services provided by the Libertyville FD to the District for the month of October, including his written summary provided to the Board, which included 6 response calls for the month of October, four of which were of which were ambulance calls, one hazardous condition call, and one false alarm call. The Deputy Chief also advised the Board that the Village is looking to put together a Santa float. informed the Board that the Department kicked off fire prevention week last week virtually.
 - b. Deputy Chief Cronin reviewed the summary of services provided by the Lake Forest FD to the District for the month of October, including his written summary provided to the Board. Deputy Chief Cronin reported that the Lake Forest FD responded to 13 total calls, 10 of which were ambulance calls, one service call, and one good intent call. Deputy Chief Cronin also discussed the new report format requested by the Board. Trustee Johnson thanked the Chiefs for the new report format. A general discussion occurred regarding the new report format. Trustee Johnson indicated that he would continue to work with the Fire Chiefs to refine the information in the monthly reports.
5. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
6. Attorney's Report. Attorney Wargo thanked the Chiefs for providing the ambulance billing rates for the District residents. Attorney Wargo also discussed the GEMT Program offered through the federal government regarding ambulance reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients. A brief discussion occurred regarding Libertyville and Lake Forest's participation in the GEMT Program. Attorney Wargo also advised on the upcoming deadline for filing nomination petitions to run for Trustee at the upcoming Consolidated Election in April.

7. Treasurer's Report, October 2020. Treasurer Snoblin presented the District's balance sheet as of October 31, 2020, which read as follows:

LF Bank and Trust – Checking	\$515,835.91
LF Bank and Trust – Reserve	\$ 311,140.23
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 112.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 827,088.63

Treasurer Snoblin reminded the Board that the District received a credit from the bank in the amount of \$14,207.97 regarding original mortgage note. Treasurer Snoblin indicated that he would like to use those funds to pay down the mortgage. Treasurer Snoblin also reviewed the highlights of the District's profit & loss/budget tracking report through October 31, 2020. Treasurer Snoblin advised the Board that the District has received 91% of its revenues for the year and provided an overview of the District's expenses.

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

Trustee Malinowski also made a motion to apply the \$14,207.97 credit from the bank to the current mortgage, seconded by Trustee Johnson. 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 \$ 133,185.44.

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Bernstein, to approve payment of invoices as presented in the amount of \$133,185.44. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

9. Consideration of Resolution 2020-01 Making the 2020 Truth in Taxation Determination. Attorney Wargo presented the District's 2020 Truth in Taxation Determination Resolution. Attorney Wargo described the Truth in Taxation Law and the District's proposed tax levy for 2020, which represents a 4.99% increase over the District's 2019 aggregate extension. Treasurer Snoblin further described the proposed levy for the District.

Motion by Trustee Malinowski, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to approve Resolution of the Rockland Fire Protection District, Lake County, Illinois, Making the Truth in Taxation Finding Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-55 for the 2020 Levy. No further discussion. Roll call vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, and Johnson), 0 Nay. The motion passed.

10. IGA State Medicare Funding/Ambulance Billing. A general discussion occurred regarding ambulance billing under the GEMT Program and the billing rates for the District's residents charged by Libertyville and Lake Forest. The Board discussed whether the ambulance billing rates by Libertyville and Lake Forest for District residents are uniform. The Board requested a report from Deputy Chief Cronin on the ambulance billing of District residents by Lake Forest. Since Deputy Chief Pakosta had already left the meeting, Trustee Johnson volunteered that he would reach out to Libertyville for a similar ambulance billing report for District residents.

11. Discussion/action on the lease or sale of the Rockland FPD Building. Trustee Malinowski advised that he has not heard anything back from IDOT at this time.
12. Board Discussion/Update regarding IDOT Improvements. Trustee Malinowski again advised that he has not heard back from IDOT regarding the 41/176 Project. A general discussion occurred regarding the sale of the building, including rezoning issues.
13. Other items as may be lawfully brought before the Board. Trustee Malinowski advised that the fire station was used as a polling site for the General Election and the building has been sanitized. A further discussion occurred regarding the ambulance billing rates for Libertyville and Lake Forest. Attorney Wargo noted that according to the e-mail from Chief Carani dated November 4, 2020, it appears that the Village and City's ambulance billing rates for District residents are uniform. Trustee Johnson advised that he participated in an inspection of the fire station building with the City of Lake Forest, which has jurisdiction over the building. Trustee Johnson discussed several compliance issues that must be addressed. A discussion occurred regarding the IGA and the District's adoption of a fire code. Trustee Johnson also advised the Board that he had a meeting with Chief Siebert to discuss operations.
14. Adjournment. There being no further business, Trustee Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., which was seconded by Trustee Malinowski. Voice vote: The Motion was approved by a voice vote: 3 Aye (Malinowski, Bernstein, Johnson), 0 Nay. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Wargo
District Attorney

Approved _____, 2020

Marcin Malinowski, Board President

Amy Bernstein, Board Secretary