



Mokena Fire Protection District

MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

Present: President William Haas, Treasurer Ken Blank, Secretary Robert Hennessy, Trustee Craig Warning, Trustee Dennis Burkhardt, Chief Joe Cirelli, Assistant Chief Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Nancy Feigel

Visitors: Attorney John Motylinski, Accountant James Howard

Emergency 9-1-1

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Established 1883
Organized 1917



MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$137,444.65 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT HEARING ON 2022 LEVY ORDINANCE

Craig Warning made a motion to open the Truth in Taxation Hearing, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt. Motion passed with all ayes.

There were no public present; therefore, there were no questions.

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing, seconded by Ken Blank. Motion passed with all ayes.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2022 LEVY ORDINANCE

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve Ordinance 2022-2, *an ordinance for the levying and assessing of taxes for the Mokena Fire Protection District in the Counties of Will and Cook and State of Illinois for 2022*. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye; Trustee Haas aye.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Blank thanked all those who responded to an EMS call for his son. They did an amazing job.

The Trustees wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Trustee Warning is concerned about the cost of fuel.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The annual Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements is an agenda item later in this meeting. It will then be published and filed with the County Clerk.

The Tax Levy Ordinance was adopted earlier in this meeting. Our attorney will file the necessary paperwork.

The review of all closed session Board of Trustee minutes will be at the December meeting.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The code enforcement report and community risk reduction surveys were reviewed by the Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Truck 92 (Pierce) was out of service due a faulty exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve. Chandler Services replaced the EGR valve and wire harness to that valve at a cost of \$3300. The truck is now back in service.

Manhattan Fire Protection District and Peotone Fire Protection District received the new 2023 maintenance program list. Manhattan FPD has completed three years of

the five-year maintenance IGA and Peotone FPD has completed two years of the five-year maintenance IGA.

Murray Overhead Doors replaced both springs on the west side ambulance bay door at Station 1 at a cost of approximately \$2200.

Jack Buss Concrete Construction completed the concrete work at Station 1. The cost for the work, which includes sealing the concrete, was \$6800.

We will be meeting with Mokena Police, Emergency Services Disaster Agency, and Mokena Public Works on November 10 to develop a safety plan for the annual Mokena Parade of Lights that will be held on November 19.

We participated in a 3-day training with Linden Oaks Behavioral Health at Station 1. Linden Oaks has a facility in Mokena that provides inpatient and outpatient programs as well as outpatient services. We collaborated with Mokena Police, Silver Cross Hospital, and a representative from the Will County State's Attorney's office. The objective was to have a better understanding of the services that Linden Oaks provide as well as the legal aspects of what we can and cannot do when responding to a mental health crisis.

The Board approved the following Class Request:

- Brian Crabtree Instructor 2

The November training calendar was reviewed by the Board.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

Chief Cirelli attended the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors meeting on October 27. There was considerable discussion on the original agreement, if any, regarding the responsibility to pay the county back for the construction of the center, or if the building was constructed at no cost. The Director will report back on this issue. The staffing levels have been slowly improving.

The Board of Fire Commissioners approved the final eligibility register for full-time firefighters/paramedics on October 25. We have begun processing for the two open positions.

Our updated website is ready to be deployed soon.

A discussion ensued on the transfer agreement between the Mokena FPD and the Sprinkler Fitters, for transfer of the sprinkler trailer. The intended mission of promoting residential fire sprinklers would best be carried through the Sprinkler Fitters. This trailer would need to be declared as surplus property. This will be an agenda item at the December trustee meeting.

Thank you to Fire Marshal Tom Murray and shift help for another successful fire prevention campaign.

The fall senior's luncheon will be held Thursday, November 10.

We will be participating in the annual holiday parade on Saturday, November 19.

We donated a ride to school for the recent Mokena District 159 Fall Fling silent auction.

There was no objection from the Trustees to allow Mokena Miracles the use of the van when delivering gifts to those in need. Fire Marshal Tom Murray will drive the van.

Eight Customer Satisfaction Surveys received in the past month were shared with the Board.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for October.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mokena VFW will be collecting toys that will be distributed to local needy families through the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. We will be promoting this on our marquee signs.

Our annual coloring contest for first grade students and essay contest for fifth grade students is currently underway.

We received a Certificate of Participation award for our participation in the Mokena Chamber of Commerce 2022 Scarecrow contest.

A note of appreciation was received from the Daughters of the American Revolution for the services we render to the community.

A resident sent a thank you note for the numerous time we responded in their time of need.

RESOLUTION #22-01 – FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD RESOLUTION

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve Resolution #22-01, *resolution authorizing the Illinois Municipal League to collect the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance license fee for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board of the Mokena Fire Protection District*. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye, Trustee Haas aye.

ANNUAL HARRASSMENT TRAINING

Attorney John Motylinski reviewed the MFPD sexual harassment policy with the Trustees.

All the Trustees acknowledged their understanding and agreement of the MFPD sexual harassment policy.

PSEBA HEALTH PLAN DESIGNATION

The District needs to designate a health plan for an employee who may fall under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA). PSEBA benefits applies to an employer who employs a full-time law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officer, or firefighter, who, on or after the effective date of this Act suffers a catastrophic injury or is killed in the line of duty, shall pay the entire premium of the employer's health insurance plan for the injured employee, the injured employee's spouse, and for each dependent child of the injured employee until the child reaches the age of majority or until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 25 if the child continues to be dependent for support or the child is a full-time or part-time student and is dependent for support. The term "health insurance plan" does not include supplemental benefits that are not part of the basic group health insurance plan. If the injured employee subsequently dies, the employer shall continue to pay the entire health insurance premium for the surviving spouse until remarried and for the dependent children under the conditions established above.

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to accept the Mokena Fire Protection District's PPO Blue Cross/Blue Shield health plan for the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye, Trustee Haas aye.

ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to adopt the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye, Trustee Haas aye.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

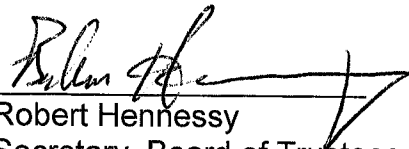
Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the Treasurer's Receipts and Disbursements as presented. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye, Trustee Haas aye.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.


Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Nancy Feigel