



Mokena Fire Protection District

Honoring the past - Embracing the future

MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING APRIL 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

Administrative Offices

19853 S. Wolf Road
Mokena, IL 60448
Adm. (708) 479-5371
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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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Robert Hennessy 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 \$243,828.67 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

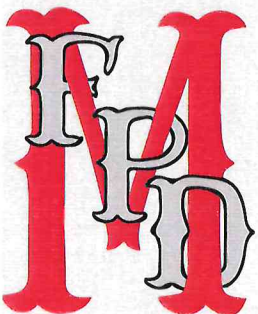
TRUSTEES' REPORT

Congratulations to Trustee Hennessy and Trustee Warning for being re-elected for an additional six years as District Trustees.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The Trustees have all filed their Statement of Economic Interest with the County Clerk.

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Established 1883
Organized 1917

Fire Station #1

19853 S. Wolf Road
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3781

Fire Station #2

10000 W. 191st Street
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3782

Fire Station #3

10855 W. 183rd Street
Orland Park, IL 60467
(708) 479-3785

The tentative budget and appropriation ordinance will be prepared for the May Trustee meeting.

Chief Cirelli is reviewing our insurance coverages.

The appointment of a Fire Commissioner will be an agenda item at the May meeting.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

The 2015 Chevrolet pickup truck was sold to Phillips Chevrolet for \$24,000.

We took delivery of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Karls Chevrolet on March 30 for \$42,995. Emergency Vehicle Technologies installed emergency lighting and radios.

Tinley Park Fire Department has received the 2023/2024 maintenance program price list. They have completed four years of the five-year maintenance IGA.

Engine 93 out of Station 3 went to Chandler Services for front and rear brakes at a cost of approximately \$6,100. The engine is back in service.

Ambulance 93 out of Station 3 went to Chandler Services for front and rear brakes at a cost of \$4,800. The ambulance is back in service.

ITR Systems has completed the final phase of the Honeywell Access Control system.

Moffat Painting and Decorating completed the drywall repair and paint to the ceiling and walls of the training and front bathrooms at Station 1. The cost was \$1,900.

On March 29, the Wolf Road bridge over Interstate 80 was closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic and will remain closed through the summer. We have created alternate routes and adjusted the responses to the area that is affected by this closure.

A/C Campbell informed the Trustees of a recent small fire on 195th Street that started in the mulch and spread to the front porch. The crews did a great job extinguishing the fire before it spread to the home.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

- Michael Hullinger Instructor 1
- Brandon Ciara Fire Apparatus Engineer

The April training calendar was reviewed by the Board.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

This week is National Telecommunications week. We recognize and thank all the hard work telecommunications do.

Chief Cirelli attended the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors meeting on April 6. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the continuation of contract personnel through the end of LCC's fiscal year, and to approve Phase Two radio purchases with reimbursement agreement.

Chief Cirelli handed out the FY24 draft budget and went over some of the highlights. The Trustee's should review this carefully and call with any questions.

We received \$122,000 allocated by Will County for the American Rescue Plan Act. The funds have been deposited.

We have one employee out on a duty-related injury to his knee. Another employee is out on a reported duty-related injury to his hand and is being evaluated by a hand surgeon. We have made a temporary promotion to Engineer to cover his shift.

The Engineer testing process is complete, and the Fire Commissioners met to establish a preliminary list.

Chief Cirelli met with the Village Administrator and Village Trustee Debi Engler regarding the Food Truck Wednesday events they have planned. It is their intention to have the food trucks on Front Street during the event, with the street being closed to traffic. We support this event.

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

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for March.

CORRESPONDENCE

We have received correspondence from Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg and Castaldo, Ltd. regarding the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act that became effective in June 2022. The Act requires fire districts to form an Efficiency Act Committee before June 10, 2023. The Committee must consist of the members of the Board of Trustees, the Fire Chief and at least two members of the public who reside within our district. The Board agreed to have Chief Cirelli reach out to some members of the public who may be interested in serving on this committee.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning to retain the firm of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.as special counsel. Motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY

Our worker's compensation insurance policy is expiring. We received a quote from Illinois Public Risk Fund for \$355,762, which reflects approximately a 10% increase in the premium, due to an increase in losses. Over the past 18 months, we have had three personnel injured and off duty for extended periods of time.

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to accept the quote from Illinois Public Risk Fund for our worker's compensation insurance policy. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

Ken Blank a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to enter into Closed Session at 8:05 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:13 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Hennessy", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and ending in a small vertical tick.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Nancy Feigel