



Mokena Fire Protection District

Honoring the past - Embracing the future

MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING JANUARY 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 6:00 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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022, Closed Session meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$178,086.46 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ken Blank thanked the district for helping Mokena Miracles this past Christmas. He also commented that the new website looks great and the new paint in the office area is a nice improvement.

Administrative Offices

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Fire Station #1

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(708) 479-3781

Fire Station #2

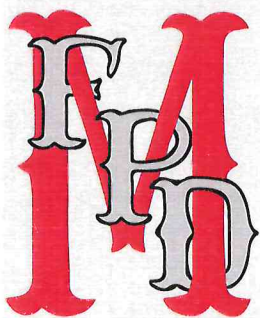
10000 W. 191st Street
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Fire Station #3

10855 W. 183rd Street
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Established 1883
Organized 1917



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Mokena, Homer Glen, Orland Park, and Frankfort*

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The certificate of exempt property has been filed with the County Supervisor of Assessments.

The regular scheduled Board meetings have been posted in the foyer.

The report of injuries for 2022 has been posted.

The names of those required to file Economic Interest Statements has been filed with the County Clerk.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The code enforcement report and community risk reduction surveys were reviewed by the Board. Chief Cirelli noted that we are currently at 94.13% compliant for our sprinkler and fire alarm testing.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Engine 92 (HME) out of Station 2 is at Chandler Services for rear brakes and a low air alarm for the air system. The engine will be out of service for approximately one week.

Ambulance 92 (Freightliner) out of Station 1 was out of service due a faulty turbo actuator. This was covered under warranty due to a recall. Chandler Services replaced the actuator and the ambulance is now back in service.

The 2021 Tahoe and the 2015 Silverado sustained approximately \$10,000 damage when a citizen drove into the parking lot at Mokena FPD Station 1 and lost control of her vehicle and struck both vehicles. We are in the process of working with the citizen's insurance for these repairs.

There are two bay heaters at Station 2 and a furnace that heats the generator and tool room that are inoperable. DL Comfort Control has ordered the parts and will be repairing these units.

The generator at Station 1 is out of service due to a faulty coolant sensor and a cracked thermostat housing. Thank you to Pipefitters Local 597 in Mokena for the repair to the thermostat housing.

We have received the RollNRack hose roller, which is a hose management system that will aid with routine hose testing and streamline our hose management operations. We applied for and secured a \$7,500 grant through Enbridge Sales Community First Responder to purchase this hose roller. The approximate cost was \$9,300.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

- Ken Berger Blue Card On-Line Training Program
- Jim Cresto Blue Card Command

The January training calendar was reviewed by the Board.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

The microwave link between the three stations has begun to fail, which has resulted in a loss of connectivity and internet service to stations 2 and 3. All fire stations rely on internet connectivity to receive incident alerting, telephone service and access to the records management system. The microwave system is 10 years old. We will continue to repair as economically feasible; however, we've ordered a Comcast connection and firewall to each station to ensure connectivity. A replacement microwave system has been estimated to be at least \$75,000, which is not a budgetary item.

We are beginning the budget process for FY24. The intent is to have a draft document available at the April meeting.

We have one employee out on a duty-related injury to his knee. We have made a temporary appointment to engineer to fill this position until the employee returns to work.

With the success of Clancy Brothers Coffee, we have an increase in visitors to our parking lot, both to turn around due to missing Clancy's entrance, or to park and walk over. This will be monitored, and if necessary, "Fire Department Only" signs will be installed.

Chief Cirelli will be at the National Fire Academy next month during our meeting. He will zoom in remotely.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for December.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Christmas card and donation was received from Schilling Brothers.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL RESOURCE MANUAL

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve the Financial Resource Manual as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR WASHER/EXTRACTOR

There was no objection from the Board to purchase a Turnout Gear Washer/Extractor at a cost of \$11,800.72, which includes installation. We have received funds from the Assistance to Firefighter grant towards this purchase. The Mokena FPD is only responsible for 10% of the cost.

PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR DRYER

There was no objection from the Board to purchase a Turnout Gear Dryer at a cost of \$12,427.00, which includes installation. We have received funds from the Assistance to Firefighter grant towards this purchase. The Mokena FPD is only responsible for 10% of the cost.

APPROVAL OF HIRING THREE FIREFIGHTERS

Due to a lack of interested applicants, we have had two firefighter positions unfilled for over 18 months. Lt. Gotter has submitted his notice to retire on May 2, 2023, which will ultimately create a third vacancy. We have three applicants from the eligibility list that are interested; one has completed the background check and pre-employment medical; the other two are in the process. We will execute a non-precedent setting agreement with Local 4270 to address the hiring of a replacement prior to the vacancy occurring.

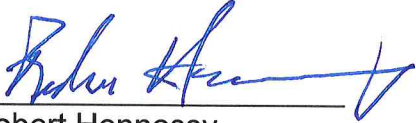
Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the hiring of three firefighters. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.



Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Nancy Feigel