



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING

February 13, 2024

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Fire Station #3

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Established 1883
Organized 1917



The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 6:00 PM.

Trustees Roll Call:

Trustee Haas	Present
Trustee Blank	Present
Trustee Hennessy	Present
Trustee Burkhardt	Present
Trustee Warning	Present (at 6:52 PM)

Others Present:

Chief Joe Cirelli, A/C Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Keyla Darwent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

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

The cost recovery billing information was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$212,321.45 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

William Haas would like to discuss raising the Trustees' stipend by \$200.00. It will be discussed later in the meeting.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

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

The regular scheduled meetings of the Board are posted.

Statements of Economic Interest should be completed within the next couple of months.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

MFPD has received two quotes for the ambulance remount project. The quote from Fire Service was approximately \$410,000 and had a lead time of two years. The Foster Coach quote was approximately \$228,000 and had a lead time of one year. Alexis Fire has not submitted a quote. MFPD met with Chandler Services to discuss the remount project, they did seem interested, and we are waiting on their quote.

The new 2025 Freightliner chassis has been ordered with Northwest Freightliner. The approximate completion date is June of 2024.

Station 3 apparatus floor drains were clogged. MFPD contacted Zeiter's Septics Unlimited to clean out the floor drains and the triple basins. The approximate cost was \$500.

MFPD has a Nederman exhaust removal system at each station. Each system will receive maintenance and repairs by Nederman at no cost to the district in the coming months.

New Lenox Fire Protection District used our reserved Engine 92 (HME) out of Station 2 for approximately two weeks. MFPD has a MABAS 19 Intergovernmental agreement (GA) that allows apparatus sharing with New Lenox.

Chief Cirelli and Assistant Chief Campbell attended Exxon Mobil disaster training on January 31st. This was attended by several agencies and was hosted by Orland Park.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

- Adam Meyer Company Fire Officer
- Michael Hullinger Company Fire Officer
- Jacob Ruhbeck Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations

The January training calendar was reviewed by the trustee members.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

On Thursday, 1/11/2024, the Will County CAD and associated network infrastructure suffered a catastrophic power failure. This resulted in the loss of CAD recommends, administrative phone lines, incident notifications, and reporting. While the After Action Report is still being completed by Will County ETSB, it appears that someone pushed a nondescript emergency shut-off button at the ETSB "datacenter" in Wescom. This apparent single point of failure has exposed some significant gaps in our emergency notification system. Chief Cirelli has been engaged with LCC in planning for a non-networked, low-technology redundant radio notification.

Chief Cirelli intends to speak at the ETSB board at their next meeting and has already had a conversation with the ETSB co-chair regarding our concerns.

Considering the notice of 30% increase in premiums from our worker's compensation carrier, IPRF, we've transmitted a revocable letter of intent to withdraw. This is due to a provision within the pooling agreement that requires at least a 90-day notice to withdraw, which is revocable up to 24 hours prior to the end of the term (April 30th, 2024). We have not yet received the updated premium, or deductible options, from IPRF. We are also exploring other carriers.

Over the years, there have been mention of increasing the Trustee's stipend. We are very low when compared to our neighboring districts. According to our attorney, state law allows for a \$3,000 year base pay, with \$1,500 additional available if the trustees complete the annual continuing education. Trustee Haas would like to increase the Trustees' stipend by \$200.00. Chief Cirelli will speak with our attorney John Motylinski regarding the increase.

Chief Cirelli has communicated with our attorney, who advised that while we are able to lease land to a telecommunication company, we are somewhat limited based on our sales agreement with Chi-Cap. Within the Agreement, we've granted the pipeline with a permanent easement that cannot be encroached. In addition, Chi-Cap has the right to review and approve plans for the development of anything on the property that we own. Thirdly, the portion of the land that would be leased would not be exempt from tax.

The Board agrees to discontinue exploring leasing land further. There are too many unknown variables.

We currently have one employee out with a shoulder injury.

The next Decennial Committee will be announced at a later date. Chief Cirelli would like to discuss Tom and Kathy's pay rates — and move them to the civilian salary schedule.

Chief Cirelli's contract will be up for renewal in May. We should begin discussions on that.

The awards dinner will be held on February 16th at Jamo's live. The event will begin at 6:00 PM and conclude at 10:00. A buffet dinner will be served, and an open bar for the first hour — cash bar begins at 7:00.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for January.

CORRESPONDENCE

MFPD did a drive-by appearance for a four-year-old resident's birthday.

Frankfort FPD gave thanks for the help of Mokena FPD assisting in mitigating a complex call that took place at the Frankfort Grainery.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AND IGA FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST HAZERDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM

Resolution 24-01 is a resolution of the MFPD authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for the dissolution of the Southwest Hazardous Materials Response Team

The intergovernmental agreement between the "Parties" now desires to dissolve the Southwest Hazardous Materials Response Team and assign and convey its assets, roles, and responsibilities to MABAS Division 19.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the Resolution 24-01 and the intergovernmental agreement regarding the dissolution of the Southwest Hazardous Materials Response Team. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

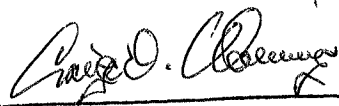
Robert Hennessy a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to enter Closed Session at 6:53 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:11 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees


craig Warning
secretary Pro Tem

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent