



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING

March 12, 2024

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Fire Station #1

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Fire Station #2

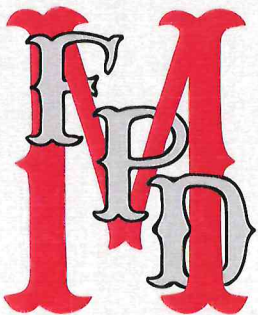
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Fire Station #3

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Established 1883
Organized 1917



The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

Trustees Roll Call:

Trustee Haas	Present
Trustee Blank	Present
Trustee Hennessy	Absent
Trustee Burkhardt	Present
Trustee Warning	Present

Others Present:

Chief Joe Cirelli, A/C Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Keyla Darwent, Attorney John Motylinski (until 7:24), Jim Cresto (at 7:19).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to appoint Craig Warning secretary pro tem in the absence of Trustee Hennessy. Motion passed with all ayes.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, Trustee 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.

The cost recovery billing information was reviewed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$176,760.99 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Blank- Volley for A Cure will be next week 3/19/2024. We appreciate the firefighters' support. Trustee Blank looks forward to the firemen vs. police match.

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 have been 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

The driver's front tire on Ambulance 92 (Freightliner) out of Station 2 picked up a large piece of metal, which subsequently put the ambulance out of service. Although the crew was able to get the ambulance off the roadway safely, the ambulance was unable to be driven. MFPD would like to thank Engineer Mike Dreger and Firefighter Adam Meyer for their quick response in the replacement of the drivers front tire and safely getting the ambulance back in service.

MFPD has renewed the annual service contract with McCloud Aquatics for approximately \$1,400. This service contract covers the maintenance and weed control for the pond at Station 3.

MFPD has received the equipment from Nederman to repair the exhaust removal system at each station. Gene May Heating and Cooling will be doing

the repairs to the system in the next few weeks. Nederman will be covering the cost of the repairs.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

- Jim Cresto Chief Fire Officer

The February training calendar was reviewed by the trustee members.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

We are awaiting the final numbers from Will County for the FYE25 budget. We usually receive these towards the end of March. Assistant Chief Campbell and Chief Cirelli have been meeting to review the staff budgets. It is their intent, if we get the data in time, to be able to present the draft budget in April, and to approve it in May.

We are working through various options for worker's compensation insurance. IPRF notified us that there was a 30% increase. We are exploring options for higher deductible plans and are awaiting rates for one additional company. We are also awaiting rates for our liability insurance.

We have one employee who remains out on a duty-related injury.

The three firefighters who were hired last year passed their probationary period on February 20th. We'll hold a swearing in ceremony at the next board meeting (we'll start the meeting at 6:00, ceremony at 7:00).

Chief Cirelli has been working with attorney John Motylinski on a draft Chief's contract. This will be an agenda item at the May meeting. John will be present in May to answer any questions that The Board may have. A draft will be handed out at next month's Trustee Meeting.

We've been working with Local 4270 to research the feasibility of implementing a modified work program. If approved, we would expect to see a reduction in the worker's compensation premium increases in the future, while providing some relief with fire prevention, training, and other associated tasks that may be completed while on modified duty. Chief Cirelli would like to thank Local 4270 for their consideration on this topic; regardless of the outcome, the spirit of cooperation has been fantastic!

The Board is in agreement with Chief Cirelli looking into having a modified work environment.

Miscellaneous

Regarding the increase in the Trustee stipend, John Motylinski attended tonight and briefed the board.

The Board agrees to create an ordinance to increase their stipends. This will be an agenda item at the next Trustee Meeting.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for February.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from a resident for MFPD allowing them to borrow a CO2 detector.

PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BALLISTIC PANELS

The Protective Gear Division has submitted a purchase order for ten level III ballistic panels for the ballistic vests. The ballistic panels carry a five-year warranty. This is the first year of a multi-year replacement program. The approximate cost for these panels is \$6,450.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the purchase of replacement ballistic panels that was discussed during the Trustee Meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PURCHASE OF STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The Protective Gear Division has submitted a purchase order for three complete sets of Globe Classix turnout gear. Each set of turnout gear is replaced approximately every 10 years following the NFPA 1851 standard. The approximate cost for this gear is \$11,210.

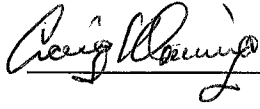
Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the purchase of structural firefighting protective equipment that was discussed during the Trustee Meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM after a motion by Craig Warning.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig Warning", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Craig Warning
Secretary Pro Tem, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent