



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S

TRUSTEE MEETING

November 11, 2025

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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, November 11, 2025, at Mokena Fire Station 1 at 7:00 PM.

Trustees Roll Call:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief Joe Cirelli, Deputy Chief Rick Campbell, and Recording Secretary Keyla Darwent, Attorney John Motylinski (until 7:25 PM), and Susan Turner (until 7:49 PM).

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Trustee Blank made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025, Trustee Meeting. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warning, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$168,758.21. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Hennessy wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY

The levy will impact FYE '27, with an increase of 2.98%.

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to approve *Ordinance 2025-4*, 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 2025. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

TRUSTEE TRAINING

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

All the Trustees present acknowledged their understanding and agreement of the MFPD sexual harassment policy. A certificate of participation was signed by all The Board members.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The review of all closed session Board of Trustee minutes is an agenda item later in the meeting.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

DEPUTY CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Engine 92 (HME) out of Station 2 is out of service due to a faulty transmission solenoid causing the fire pump to not engage. This was an intermittent problem. The solenoid is scheduled to be delivered this week to Chandler Services.

Truck 92 (Pierce) is scheduled to be completed in mid-December. Chandler Services is continuing to install all the new components on the truck. Chandler is still waiting on the upper ball joint assemblies. MFPD will be scheduling Underwriter Laboratories (UL) to inspect and test the aerial ladder after the repairs.

MFPD has met with Pierce, Fire Apparatus & Supply Team (FAST), and Fire Service to discuss new engine specifications and pricing. FAST and Fire Service would be a Metro Star Spartan chassis.

The bunk room project at Station 2 started on October 6th. The following has been completed:

- Rough Framing
- HVAC
- Fire Alarm, Sprinklers, and Electrical
- Drywall
- Wall and Ceiling Primed

American Test Company (ATC) performed the annual inspections on our ground ladders and all three high lifts. Both components have passed their testing and inspection.

The training division set up a three-day Forcible Entry course at Station #1 this month with the Illinois Fire Service Institute using a simulated door that allows students to practice basic forcible entry techniques. New Lenox Fire District will also be in attendance.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

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| • Timothy Boomsma | Advanced Fire Officer 1, 2, & 3 |
| • Michael Dreger | Chicagoland Heavy Rescue |
| • Ken Berger | Advanced Fire Officer |
| • Dan Reimer | Advanced Technician Firefighter |

This month's training calendar was reviewed by the trustee members.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

The Foreign Fire Insurance Board is proposing to upgrade the flooring at Station #1 and Station #2 to match the new flooring from the dorm remodel. The total cost is approximately \$14,000. FFIB is willing to contribute \$10,000 – we would like to pay the difference. This will replace the original tile from when the stations were constructed; the tile and ground are broken in several places.

The Board agrees with The Mokena Fire Protection District paying the difference to have the tiling replaced at Station #1 & #2.

We'd also like to repair drywall from previous leaks and paint the kitchens, day rooms, hallways and offices of both Stations #1 and #2 (on the "firefighters" side, not on our admin side).

The Board agrees to have repairs done on the drywall and painting to be done at Station #1 and #2.

The doors at Station #1 and #2 are old and extremely rusted. These are budgeted items. We would like to replace the doors before it gets too cold outside and prior to the drywall and paint being completed. The approximate cost for this is \$8,000.

The Board agrees to have the doors replaced at Station #1 and #2.

Rebecca Duffy, the former receptionist, resigned effective 10/31/2025 due to family constraints. We wish her the best.

We have had informal discussions with Local 4270 in furtherance of a contract extension; the local's negotiating committee has had at least one meeting – we are awaiting further discussions.

The Village of Mokena is coordinating a holiday theme for decorations this Christmas season. "It's a Wonderful Life, Mokena!" is the theme. We will be participating the best we can, with decorating some bells and placing some posters of movie characters in our windows. Special thanks to Eng. Mike Hullinger for hanging and wiring the permanent lights on the eaves over the bay doors.

We will again be participating in the Mokena Christmas Parade on November 22nd at 5:00 PM.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for October.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REVIEW OF CLOSE SESSION MINUTES

After a review of the closed session minutes, it was determined that there are no closed session minutes to be opened at this time.

Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to not open any of the closed session minutes. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF RECEPTIONIST

We have interviewed Susan Turner, a previous applicant who withdrew herself from consideration at the time due to family obligations. D/C Campbell and Keyla interviewed Susan, and we all find her to be a suitable fit. She is currently employed by Lauterbach & Amen, the accounting firm engaged by the pension fund. Susan has passed the background check and can begin work on January 5th, 2026.

Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to hire Susan as a receptionist/recording secretary (32 hours/week). Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

We are excited to have Susan join our team!

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent