



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S

TRUSTEE MEETING

February 11, 2025

Administrative Offices

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Fire Station #1

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Fire Station #2

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Mokena, IL 60448
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Fire Station #3

10855 W. 183rd Street
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Established 1883
Organized 1917

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, February 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, A/C Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Keyla Darwent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 14, 2025, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

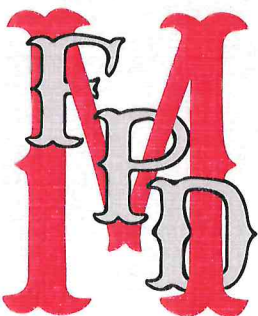
UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, 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 \$206,795.77 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Bill Haas would like everyone to be careful over the next few days. We are getting a lot of snowfall over the next few days.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

We are in the process of drafting the Fiscal Year End'26 budget.

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

The report of injuries for 2024 has been posted.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Update on the ambulance remount project:

- The walk-through opening on the front of the Horton Module and the rear of the chassis cab have been fabricated and are now being prepared for painting.
- The chassis center console that houses the mobile radios has been fabricated and is ready for install.
- The 12-volt and 120-volt components are all terminated and complete.
- The interior stainless-steel walls for the Horton module have been installed.
- The rear bumper fabrication is near completion.

Station 2 had three bay heaters that were inoperable. DL Comforts repaired the bay heaters, and the approximate cost was \$550.

F.E. Moran Fire Protection had to replace four leaking sprinkler heads in the living quarters at Station 2. F.E. Moran suspects that the temperature in the attic space above the living quarters dropped below 40 degrees and caused

the sprinkler heads to build up ice on the seal. MFPD has installed temperature sensors in the attic space above the living quarters to monitor the temperature. Station 2 did not sustain any damage.

Station 3 had three sill faucets in the bay area that were leaking and needed to be replaced or repaired. Also, there was one toilet that was inoperable and needed a new flush valve. Normal Plumbing performed those repairs, and the approximate cost was \$1300.

The electric heater that regulates the temperature for the sprinkler valves and generator at Station 1 has been replaced due to a faulty blower motor. DL Comforts has replaced the electric heater with a bigger gas furnace that will heat the generator room more efficiently. The approximate cost for this repair was \$2500.

On January 22nd at approximately 20:25, MFPD responded to a fireplace fire at 20126 Scott Street. The fire spread to the wood framing around the fireplace and the wood flooring underneath the fireplace. The fire was contained around the surrounding wood. There were no injuries reported. The crew did a great job at containing the fire.

On January 26th at approximately 17:45, MFPD responded to a stove fire at 10918 Front Street. The fire started from a pot that was on the stove and started to spread to the upper cabinets. The fire was contained around the stove and cabinet area. There was one minor injury reported.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

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| • Dave Porter | Higher Education |
| • Adam Meyer | Higher Education |
| • A/C Richard Campbell | Blue Card |

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

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

We are applying for a fire station renovation grant to update the locker rooms and flooring at all three stations — Assistant Chief Campbell is spearheading this process. Fire Marshal Murray was able to secure the donation of a fire extinguisher simulator, valued at \$16,000, through one of our local businesses. Mr. Richard Bulanda of Aero-Shield Capital purchased and directly donated the extinguisher simulator. The simulator will allow our public education staff to teach fire extinguisher use indoors, regardless of weather. The Chief has thanked and invited Mr. Bulanda to formally present the simulator and to take pictures for social media.

We have one employee who injured his shoulder on an ambulance call. He remains on the modified work program while he recovers from his injury.

Chief Cirelli provided an update on an employee. The Board agreed that the employee will use all her available paid time off and then be placed on administrative leave, continuing benefits. The employee will work remotely or in the office, as she is medically able. Our primary focus is on her health and wellbeing.

The Chief provided an update on the preliminary discussions with Local 4270 regarding Battalion Chiefs.

The Chief attended the LCC Board of Directors meeting on January 30th, where an update on the status of the ETSB was provided. They are continuing to work through some technological issues that have impacted the LCC.

The US Digital Designs Fire Station Alerting system installation is in progress and should be completed at stations one and three prior to our meeting. Our plan is to install the system at station two during their bunk room remodel, planned for the FYE'26 budget.

On January 8th, The Chief attended the Mokena Park District Delphi Committee Meeting. This is a committee focused on planning for future park needs (programs, park development, etc.)

On January 23rd, we hosted a Fire Chiefs Round Table with State Representative Sheehan. This event was well attended by fire agencies within the 37th District. This was a great opportunity for Representative Sheehan to learn about issues impacting public safety and administration.

The fire service has had a very rough start to 2025. Retired Assistant Chief Doug Erwin of Tinley Park (an active Naperville Division Chief) passed away at the age of 52, followed by an Evergreen Park firefighter and a Cicero Assistant Fire Chief — all young. We gave our support to these departments by covering the Tinley Park station during Chief Erwins services, along with posting vehicles and flag along the procession route (at station #3). We also supported Manhattan by providing station coverage on two occasions: for the deaths of an active Trustee and for a retired Fire Chief.

The annual employee recognition dinner will be held on Friday, February 21st at Jamo's Live.

The 2025 Coloring/Essay Contest will be held on March 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The Chief proposed that we move the Trustee Meeting from 7:00 PM

to 6:00 PM March 11, 2025. The Board agreed to move the March 11th Trustee Meeting from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for January.

CORRESPONDENCE

The MFPD has received a thank you letter from the Tinley Park Fire Department for the MFPD assisting them with station coverage for the services of Assistant Chief Doug Erwin. They are very grateful.

We received correspondence from a patient's mother, who expressed her gratitude to our crew for advocating for their patient and continuing to follow up throughout the day.

PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (TURNOUT GEAR)

The Protective Gear Division has submitted a purchase order for six firefighting helmets and ten sets of structural firefighting boots. This gear is replaced approximately every 10 years following the NFPA 1851 standard. The approximate cost for this gear is \$8,344.

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the purchase of the turnout gear. Motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

- 1007 – Conduct and Behavior
- 1008 – Personnel Complaints
- 1010 – Personal projects
- 1011 – On-Duty Voting
- 1012 – Personnel Records
- 1033 – Military Leave
- 1036 – Member Speech, Expression and Social Media
- 1037 – Anti-Retaliation

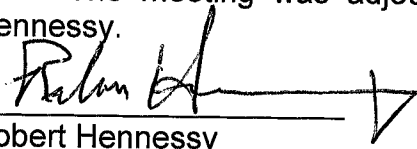
Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the policies listed above as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.


Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent