



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TRUSTEE MEETING March 11, 2025

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Fire Station #1

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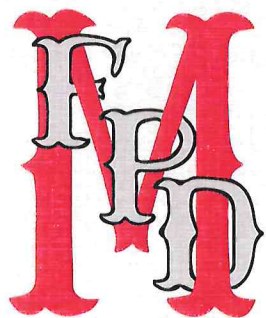
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Fire Station #3

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Established 1883
Organized 1917



The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 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 \$166,119.55 as presented. Chief Cirelli noticed that a bill's dollar amount was incorrect and informed The Board of the correct dollar amount for the invoice. Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Craig Warning, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$167,071.64 as amended. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ken Blank would like to give his compliments on MFPD's 2025 Awards Banquet. It ran very well and was really nice.

Trustee Burkhardt stated that the MFPD's 2025 Awards Banquet was a very nice event.

Craig Warning stated that the MFPD's 2025 Awards Banquet was good.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

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

Economic Interest Statements are due May 1, 2025, and will need to be filed by then.

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 Horton Module exterior painting has been completed.
- The interior floor and stainless-steel walls have been installed and are complete.
- The Horton Module exterior doors and thresholds will be installed this month.
- The exterior graphics and rear bumper will be completed this month.
- Emergency Vehicle Technologies (EVT) is scheduled to complete the emergency lighting at the beginning of April.

Ambulance 91 (Freightliner) out of Station 1 went out of service while on a call. The ambulance had an electrical issue and had to be towed to the

maintenance shop. Chandler Services was able to get the ambulance back in service the following day. The approximate cost for the tow and repair was \$675.

Engine 92 (HME) out of Station 2 is out of service due to a faulty radiator and worn rear suspension. The approximate cost to replace the faulty radiator and hoses is \$6,300. The approximate cost to replace the worn-out bushings and springs is \$3,500.

MFPD 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 renewed the annual service contract with Zeiter Septics for approximately \$4,400. This contract provides bimonthly preventative maintenance and system monitoring. Preventative maintenance on this system has proven to be essential for this type of system.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

- John Swanson Admin Training Workshop for Target Solutions
- Andrew Pavnica Fire Apparatus Engineer
- Todd Newton Workshop Selection #2
- Jim Cresto Vector Solutions

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

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

The Notice of Examination for the Engineer promotional process has been approved by the Fire Commissioners and posted.

We have received over 30 applications for the receptionist position. We are reviewing the applications/resumes and plan to conduct interviews soon.

As a reminder, the evaluation for the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief will be an agenda item for the April meeting, with contract extension and contract approval being agenda items for the Trustee Meeting in May.

The US Digital Designs Fire Station Alerting system installation was 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 March 6th, Chief Cirelli testified at the House Counties and Townships Committee in support of HB 1938, which amends the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act to exclude Fire Protection Districts. Chief Cirelli is happy to report that the bill has passed out of the committee. Chief Cirelli wants to thank State Representative Sheehan for his efforts towards reducing the duplication of efforts associated with the act.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for February.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ORDINANCE No. 2025 – 1 – EMS BILLING

On the recommendation of Attorney Motylinski, we are proposing the adoption of an updated EMS billing ordinance. This ordinance authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to bill patients in accordance with the GEMT rates, as amended from time to time.

Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to adopt *Ordinance No. 2025-1*; An ordinance that authorizes and directs the Fire Chief to bill patients in accordance with GEMT rates, as amended from time to time. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (TURNOUT GEAR)

The Protective Gear Division has submitted a purchase order for five complete sets of Globe Classix turnout gear. Each set of turnout gear is replaced approximately every 10 years following the NFPA 1851 standard. With this purchase, MFPD will be 100 percent compliant with the protective gear program. The approximate cost for this gear is \$16,600.

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

APPROVAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

We have received our renewal quote from IPRF for Workers' Compensation for \$266,570, or roughly a 4.6% increase. This is the lowest

increase we've experienced in several years, primarily due to increasing the deductible to \$25,000, along with the Modified Work Program.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to renew our workers' compensation insurance with IPRF as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.


Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent