



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S

TRUSTEE MEETING

January 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Mokena Fire Station 1 at 7:00 PM.

Administrative Offices

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Mokena, IL 60448
Adm. (708) 479-5371
Fax (708) 479-2970

Fire Station #1

19853 S. Wolf Road
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3781

Fire Station #2

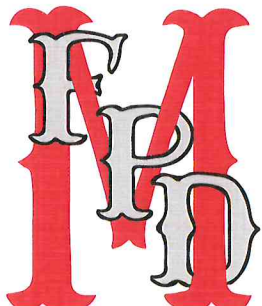
10000 W. 191st Street
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3782

Fire Station #3

10855 W. 183rd Street
Orland Park, IL 60467
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www.mokenafire.org

Established 1883
Organized 1917



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, Receptionist Susan Turner, Lt. Adam Shefcik (from 7:06 PM – end of meeting), and 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

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warning, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Trustee Meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Closed Session Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warning, to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$432,909.93 initially. Chief Cirelli updated The Board on the correct pricing for the down payment on the new engine. The correct price would be \$263,145 instead of \$213,145. This would increase the amount of the bills to \$482,909.93. The Board agrees to pay the updated bills as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Haas would like to extend his condolences to Chief Cirelli on the passing of his mother.

Trustee Blank hopes everyone had a great holiday and would like to extend his condolences to Chief Cirelli on the passing of his mother.

Trustee Warning would like to extend his condolences to Chief Cirelli on the passing of his mother.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

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

The regular scheduled Board meetings have been posted in the foyer.

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

We will be posting the report of injuries from the prior year in a few days.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

DEPUTY CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Chandler Services is nearing completion of the repairs on Truck 92. During the replacement of the ball joints in the upper passenger-side A-arm, it

was discovered that the upper ball joint had completely worn through both the guide cup and the A-arm pocket. The A-arm is not repairable and must be replaced. There is a two-week lead time on this part, The estimated cost for the replacement is approximately \$8,000.

Additionally, the charge cooler, which assists in cooling the diesel engine, was found to have an irreparable crack. Replacement of the charge cooler is approximately \$3,700.

MFPD has met with Fire Apparatus & Supply Team (FAST), Fire Service, and Pierce to discuss new engine specifications and pricing.

Costello's Flooring and Moffat Painting have completed the flooring and painting projects for the kitchen and shift offices at Station #1. Station #2's flooring and painting for the kitchen, foyer, and shift office will be completed by the end of this month.

On January 8th at approximately 14:00, MFPD responded to a fire in a four-unit townhome located at 10731 Revere Circle. The fire was contained to the single unit, originating in the furnace area. The affected unit sustained heavy smoke and water damage, with estimated loss of \$65,000. There was on injury reported, one of Mokena FPD's firemen sustained a shoulder injury.

The New Lenox Fire Protection District has borrowed our reserve ambulance. MFPD participates in an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that allows for the sharing of apparatus among the MABAS Division 19 departments.

The training division set up a three-day Thermal Imaging Camera course at Station #1 this month with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The material will cover basic understanding of Thermal Imaging Cameras. New Lenox Fire District will also be in attendance.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

- Adam Shefcik Rescue Task Force Instructor
- Joe Cirelli FDIC

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

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

We are in the process of drafting the Fiscal Year End '27 budget.

We have a request for financial assistance from an out-of-town patient who was transported to the hospital. The patient provided the necessary documentation to demonstrate a financial hardship. The Board agrees to fully waive the ambulance fee.

Chief Cirelli provided a synopsis of the negotiations for a CBA extension with Local 4270. While the contract won't be presented to be ratified at this month's meeting, Chief Cirelli is hopeful that we'll have something in February.

The annual employee recognition dinner will be held on Friday, February 27th at Jamo's Live.

Chief Cirelli would like to give a big thank you to Lt. John Swanson and Eng. Micheal Hullinger for putting a great deal of time and effort into Station #2's bunkroom remodel. They have worked hard and have done a great job.

On January 8th, we responded to a structure fire in a multifamily residential building. The cause of the fire appears to be from the furnace. First units on the scene arrived within four minutes of the 9-1-1 call.

We finished off the calendar year with 3,270 incidents, with about 60% being EMS incidents.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for December.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you letter was received from Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

Manhattan FPD gave thanks for the help of Mokena FPD in providing coverage during the funeral services for the son of one of their firefighters.

A card and donation were received from Schillings Brothers.

A card and donation were received from Joseph Kerke.

A thank you card was received from Mokena Miracles.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2026 PIERCE PUMPER

Over the past year, we've had several conversations about replacing 16-06, the HME engine out of Station #2. We've researched and evaluated several options, including remounting the stainless-steel module, refurbishing the

engine with new drivetrain and paint, and replacing it with a new engine. Over the past several months, we've discussed the direction of replacing the engine with a new engine. D/C Campbell and Engineer Dreger have worked hard to solicit proposals from Pierce, Emergency One with a Spartan cab and chassis, and Marion with a Spartan cab and chassis. Through many conversations and weighing our options we were provided with a proposal from Pierce for a fire engine with a Cummins L9 motor, for \$995,300. This is substantially cheaper than the other two proposals. By prepaying, we would be discounted \$32,155 for a total cost of \$963,145.

If approved for purchase, the engine must be delivered in 2026 to comply with the 2024 emissions standards.

Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Blank, to approve the purchase of the Pierce Enforcer Fire Engine 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 RESOLUTION 26-01, TO FINANCE \$700,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 PIERCE PUMPER THROUGH OLD PLANK TRAIL COMMUNITY BANK

Trustee Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warning, to approve Resolution 26-01, approving a loan for \$700,00 for the purchase of a 2026 Pierce Fire Engine through Old Plank Trail Community Bank. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

APPROVE AWARDING OF BID FOR HOSES AND NOZZLES

As was previously discussed, we were awarded the 2024 AFG grant, which provides funding for the replacement of all our hoses and nozzles. MFPD tested and evaluated two different brands of hose and nozzles. It was determined Snap Tite and Task Force Nozzles were the preferred choice. MFPD published a legal notice for Snap-Tite supply and attack hose along with Task Force nozzles and appliances. This hose and nozzles will allow us to replace all our aging hose and nozzles on our engines and truck. The sealed bids were accepted from January 2nd until January 13th at 12:00 pm. MFPD has received bids from Air One Equipment and US Fire Services. MFPD is looking to approve the purchase of the hose and nozzles.

While we have received \$160,000 worth of grant funding, we will be responsible for the difference. The difference was discussed with the Board.

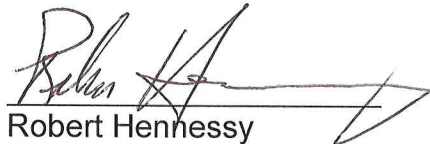
Craig Warning made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to accept Aire One Equipment's bid for the new hoses and nozzles. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Haas aye; Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Hennessy', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent