

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INVERNESS  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HELD THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023  
AT INVERNESS FIRE STATION #36  
35 N. ELA ROAD, INVERNESS, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inverness Fire Protection District was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

A roll call was taken, and the following Trustees were present: Trustee Aaron DelMar (via Zoom), Trustee Robert McKanna, Trustee Gerald Chapman. Chief Kurka was also present.

There was no one present from the public. There were no questions or comments for the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve Items #1-5 of the Consent Agenda:

- Item #1 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023
- Item #2 – Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – None
- Item #3 – Approval of Financial Report for month ending –February 28, 2023
- Item #4 – Approval of Bill List and November expenditures - \$215,036.28
- Item #5 – Approval of additional bills – \$7,827.50

The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

Chief Kurka reviewed items contained in the Chief's Report.

The District's newest hire has completed his psychological testing, and is scheduled for a physical this week. Firefighter Fricke is currently going through FAE class. Lt. Arthur has completed Advanced Fire Officer class.

Shift personnel participated in High Five Friday at Marion Jordan School during the month of February. Chief Kurka has established a Leadership Library for District personnel.

Chief Kurka provided the Board with a memo regarding a recent accident that involved his staff vehicle. Repairs are scheduled to be done next week.

The District was notified that the recent small equipment grant request that was submitted has been denied.

Discussion was conducted regarding the pending purchase of an engine and tanker from HME. Prices for vehicles continue to rise. The Chief is hoping to have final numbers for the engine, based on the Vehicle Committee's recent visit to HME.

Chief Kurka updated the Board on the matter that was discussed at last month's meeting regarding violent incidents. NWCH has a policy in place for EMS personnel to follow when encountering a violent incident. Chief Kurka also checked with the District's insurance agent, and District personnel are covered under the general liability coverage of the District.

Discussion was conducted regarding the formation of an Efficiency Committee. The Board asked that appointment of Efficiency Committee members be included on the agenda for the April Board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve the Fund Balance Policy with a 3 to 6-month reserve. The motion was seconded by Trustee McKanna. Discussion was conducted regarding the appropriate amount for the District to keep in reserve. Trustee Chapman suggested a 6-9- or 6-12-month reserve is more appropriate based on Cook County's tendency to be inconsistent with the timing of releasing tax monies each year. The Board would like to review information received from the attorney on this matter. A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to withdraw his initial motion and table discussion and approval of the Fund Balance Policy until the April Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

A motion was made by Trustee DelMar to approve the Foreign Fire Insurance Board request dated February 2, 2023 to purchase items for a total of \$3,923.90 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee McKanna to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:23 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chapman. A roll call vote was taken with Trustee DelMar voting yes, Trustee McKanna voting yes, and Trustee Chapman voting yes.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 10, 2023.

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: \_\_DelMar, McKanna, Chapman\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_

Aaron DelMar  
President  
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman  
Secretary  
Inverness Fire Protection District