



**TRI-STATE
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD 17, AUGUST 2020 AT ST. 123.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by Trustee Habercoss

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

III. ROLL CALL

On roll call: Trustee Habercoss, Trustee Wolski, Chief Molinaro, Deputy Chief Brenn, Director Gutierrez, Director Link, Attorney Wargo and Exec. Asst. Radek.

PROCLAMATIONS

Presented by Chief Molinaro.

Proclamation for Retired Engineer Michael Stoffle. Mike served Tri-State for over 34 years. Mike was Tri-States first union president. Mike has a tenacious spirit. Everyone should thank Mike for the benefits they have received over the years. Thank you to Mike Stoffle for all his efforts with MDA!

FF Paul Bukowski received his 20-year proclamation. Paul started his career with Tri-State on 8-16-2000. Paul officially retired 8-16-2020, we wish Paul the very best in his retirement.

Lt. Gary Schluntz received his 19+ year's proclamation, Gary began his Tri-State career on August 16, 2000. Congratulations to Gary on his retirement 1-15-2020.

FF Robert Ambuehl received his 20 year certificate. Bob began his career with Tri-State on August 16, 2000. Congratulations Bob on 20 years.

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PROCLAMATIONS cont.

Chief Molinaro thanked all of the guests for attending the ceremony. Chief Molinaro told all 4 honorees how much they are appreciated, all 4 men are and were good employees.

Trustee Habercoss appointed Trustee Wolski Secretary ProTem.

IV. MINUTES

Trustee Wolski presented the minutes. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the minutes as written for July 20, 2020. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE 2020-O-001

Chief Molinaro advised the board that the 2020-2021 Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been prepared and recommended that the board recess the Regular Business Meeting and move into a Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Habercoss made a motion to recess the Regular Business Meeting and move into a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any questions and/or comments regarding the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2020-O-001. Motion seconded by Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

The Board was advised by Attorney Wargo that the notice of the Public Hearing was published. No one has contacted the office to review and/or comment on the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Tri-State Fire Protection District.

Trustee Habercoss asked if there were any questions and there were none. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Scheduled Open Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Wolski. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

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V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Wolski presented the July 2020 Treasurer's Reports. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to approve the July 2020 Treasurers Report and pay all the bills. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski - Aye, 2-0-1.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-O-001 providing for the Budget and Appropriations of the Tri-State Fire Protection District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2020 and Ending May 31, 2021.

Trustee Habercoss made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-O-001, Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

Statement of Estimated Revenues for the Tri-State Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to approve the Statement of Estimated Revenues for the Tri-State Fire Protection District, Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

Cook County Property Taxes for St. 124 – When we closed on St. 124 it was brought to our attention that the property consisted of a number of pin numbers. We have brought this matter to the attention of the Cook County Clerk's office. Until the situation is resolved we need to pay the property taxes on these pin numbers until the matter is resolved. The current cost to the District is \$ 695.72. Once the matter is resolved we will seek reimbursement of the \$695.72

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-R-006 – A Resolution Authorizing the Board President and Secretary to Execute a Permanent Water Main Easement Agreement between the Tri-State Fire Protection District and DuPage County. DuPage County will install their hydrant on our property near the Training Tower and the county will maintain the hydrant.

Trustee Habercoss made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-006, Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

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NEW BUSINESS cont.

Resolution 2020-R-007 – A Resolution Authorizing the Tri-State Fire Protection District to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County to Participate in the Federal COVID-19 Reimbursement Program. DuPage County received 3 million dollars through the CARES ACT. Tri-State has been allotted \$237,831.00. 85% of the funds are for DuPage County and 15% for Cook County. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-007, Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None

IX. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Currently there is one candidate remaining on the current Firefighter Eligibility List. This candidate is scheduled to take his EMT-P State test in the next few weeks. We currently have one vacancy. The new Eligibility List/Hiring Process has begun, application is live on I/O Solutions website, IOSOLUTIONS.COM The application period closes September 10, 2020.

X. CHIEF’S REPORT – The construction project at St. 121 is moving along. All foundation work is complete. The last underground work is a new sanitary hook up to the sewer main. Walls are going up on the Training Tower. There is some concern with neighbors that this Training Tower would have live burns. The only smoke will be theatrical smoke, the structure is not built for any live fire training. There is a letter to the residents on the website explaining the safety of the training tower. The kitchen renovation is nearly completed with the exception of the new stainless cabinets. The manufacturer stated the delay is due to the pandemic as the plant constructing the cabinets was shut down temporarily due to Covid-19.

Two Tri-State employees received Illinois Fire Chief Association scholarships. Justin Green was awarded \$1000.00 and Michael Gay was awarded \$500.00. Congratulations!

The Microwave Tower Project is finally coming together. An IGA with Willowbrook needs to be approved in order for us to put our equipment on their water tower.

XI. EMS REPORT – Director Gutierrez informed the Board that the Covid numbers have increased. From April 1, 2020 to August 17, 2020 there have been 172 patients and of those patients 82 have been positive. In addition. 8 employees have been self-monitoring due to possible exposure.

XII. FIRE PREVENTION – None

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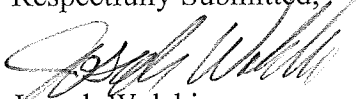
XIII. ATTORNEY – Attorney Wargo reminded us to file Budget with the counties and publish it in the local newspaper.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

With no further matters before the Board, Trustee Habercoss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1909 hours. Motion seconded by Trustee Wolski, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, 2-0-1.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joseph Wolski
Secretary ProTem