



**TRI-STATE
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD 9, DECEMBER 2020
AT STATION 123.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Wolski called the meeting to order at 18:32 hours

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE:

III. ROLL CALL: Trustee's Wolski, Mensinger presnt & Scarpelli (by phone). Also, present Chief Molinaro, Deputy Chief Brenn, and Attorney Wargo.

Motion by Mensinger second by Wolski to allow Trustee Scarpelli to participate by phone in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order #2020-07
Roll call vote: Wolski Aye, Mensinger Aye. Motion approved 2-0-0

Motion by Wolski, second by Mensinger to suspend the meeting at 18:35 hours and open the Truth In Taxation Public Hearing. Roll call vote: Mensinger Aye, Scarpelli Aye, Wolski Aye, Motion approved 3-0-0

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: Opened at 18:36 hours. Attorney Wargo explained the process required by state statute to request an increase in the tax levy of more than five percent (5%), and stated that the District Administrative Staff completed the required steps. A notice (was published in the Chicago Tribune on December 2, 2020) stating that a public hearing was taking place regarding the proposed 10.8% increase.

There were not members of the public present for public comments; a motion was made by Wolski, second by Scarpelli to close the public hearing at 18:38 hours and to resume the special meeting.

Roll call vote: Scarpelli Aye, Mensinger Aye, Wolski Aye. Motion approved 3-0-0.

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- V. NEW BUSINESS – A) Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Tri-State Fire Protection District, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois for 2020, Ordinance No. 2020-O-004.

Attorney Wargo explained the Ordinance and that this is only a request for a larger levy increase. DuPage and Cook Counties actually are the decision makers in the process and ultimately determine what the amount is levied and received by the District. He went on to explain some of the difficulties experienced in the levy process because of the District boundaries in both DuPage and Cook Counties.

Motion by Mensinger second by Wolski to approve the 10.8% tax levy increase representing a total levy request of \$14,018,479.91

Roll call vote: Scarpelli Aye, Mensinger Aye, Wolski Aye. Motion approved 3-0-0.

B) Annual Treasurer's Statement – June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020. Attorney Wargo explained to the Trustees that this is an annual requirement that needs to be filed with both DuPage & Cook County Clerks Office, there is not a requirement to publish it.

Motion by Wolski, second by Mensinger to approve and submit to both DuPage & Cook County Clerk's Office. Voice vote: Motion approved 3-0-0. Motion

C) Board of Trustees meeting schedule for 2021.

Motion by Scarpelli, second by Mensinger to approve as presented, post on the website, and publish as required. Voice vote: Motion approved 3-0-0.

D) Resolution to Approve Financing Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance for Lease/Purchase of 2021 Pierce Ascendant Ladder Truck.

DC Brenn explained the lease/purchase agreement process and answered Trustees Mensinger's question regarding the cost stated on the agreement as more than the 1.2 million approved at the last trustees meeting. The actual cost being \$1,169,389.00 after the discount applied by Pierce for a complete prepayment of the contract. This was accomplished by financing through a third party (PNC Financing).

Motion by Scarpelli second by Mensinger to approve resolution # 2020-R-013

Roll call vote: Scarpelli aye, Mensinger aye, Wolski aye. Motion approved 3-0-0.

- VI. COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

- VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

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- VIII. CHIEFS REPORT: Trustee Wolski asked a question regarding the check-whitewashing incident that the District experienced recently and if there were any updates. The Chief explained that the US Postal Police have made an arrest at the Willowbrook annex facility. Our bank has credited a portion of the funds stolen from our account, and that we have since entered into a program with our bank called positive pay. This program requires at least one of our administrative staff to approve all checks presented before the bank pays them. This process should prevent something like this incident occurring again.
- IX. DIRECTOR OF EMS REPORT: NONE
- X. DIRECTOR OF FIRE PREVENTION REPORT: NONE
- XI. ATTORNEYS REPORT: Reiterated that the levy ordinance needs to be filed with both DuPage & Cook County Clerks Office.
- XII. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE
- XIII. CLOSED SESSION: NOT REQUIRED
- XIV. RECONVENE TO OEPN MEETING – POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: NOT REQUIRED
- XV. ADJOURNMENT: With no further matters before the Board, Scarpelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 18:55 hours, second by Mensinger. Roll call vote: Scarpelli Aye, Mensinger Aye, Wolski aye. Motion approved 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Scarpelli
Secretary

