



**TRI-STATE
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD 21, DECEMBER 2020 AT ST. 123.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

III. ROLL CALL: Trustee Wolski, Trustee Mensinger, present. Trustee Scarpelli via phone. Also present were Chief Molinaro, Deputy Chief Brenn, and Attorney Wargo.

Motion by Trustee Wolski to allow Trustee Scarpelli to participate via phone due to the Covid-19 pandemic, second by Trustee Mensinger. Voice Vote: Mensinger - aye, Wolski - aye, motion carries 2-0-0.

IV. MINUTES

Trustee Wolski presented the minutes from the following meetings: 16 November 2020, 23 November 2020, 9 December 2020, and 15 December 2020. Trustee Mensinger made a few corrections and made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Wolski. Scarpelli - aye, Wolski - aye, Mensinger - aye. Motion carries 3-0-0.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – APPROVAL of BILLS

Trustee Wolski presented the November 2020 Treasurer's Reports. Trustee Wolski made a motion to approve the November 2020 Treasurers report and pay all the bills. Trustee Scarpelli seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Scarpelli – aye, Mensinger – aye, Wolski - Aye, Motion carries 3-0-0.

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VI. APPOINTMENT / ADMINISTRATION of OATH

Motion by Trustee Wolski to appoint Mr. Denis O'Halloran of Willow Springs to the Board of Fire Commissioners to fill the vacancy created by Commissioner Mensinger's appointment to the Board of Trustees, second by Mensinger. Voice vote Scarpelli – aye, Mensinger – aye, Scarpelli – aye. Motion carries 3-0-0.

Trustee Wolski administers the Oath of Office, Denis O'Halloran sworn in as a Fire Commissioner.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCE 2020-O-005 - An Ordinance establishing a new schedule of fees for Medical Services by the Tri-State Fire Protection District.

DC Brenn explained the need to update the fee schedule to bring our fee structure more in line with the average amount charged by other municipalities and fire districts in the area.

Trustee Mensinger inquired what the established (old) fees were in relation to what is being proposed in the new ordinance? Answered by DC Brenn.

Motion by Mensinger to approve the Ordinance 2020-O-005 setting a new fee schedule for EMS services provided by Tri-State, second by Wolski. Voice vote: Scarpelli – aye, Mensinger – aye, Wolski – aye. Motion carries 3-0-0.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – None

X. CHIEF'S REPORT – The Health, Dental and Vision Insurance plans are up for renewal in March. The broker (One Digital) presented the rates to the Insurance Committee comprised of Administration staff and Local 3165 members. The Committee recommends staying with BCBS of IL, the current provider with a 2.1% increase. One Digital stated the average increases seen the industry this coming year are between 12-15%.

The construction project at St. 121 nearing completion, and should be finished by mid-January with a move in date shortly thereafter.

The new truck order was placed with Pierce, which will replace Tower Ladder 122. A contract is in place to sell the tower for \$174,000.

Our personnel have begun receiving the Covid-19 vaccine, with those who are primarily assigned to the ambulance having priority. Director Gutierrez will elaborate in his report.

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The time period for candidates to file nominating petitions for the position of Trustee has ended with current Trustee Mensinger being the only person to file, so he will run un-opposed in the upcoming election.

- XI. DIRECTOR OF EMS REPORT – Director Gutierrez stated the process for vaccinating our personnel has begun, which was coordinated through Good Samaritan Hospital, our EMS system and DuPage County Public Health.

Trustee Mensinger asked what the requirements are. Director Gutierrez responded, the employees have the option of receiving the vaccine or not, with participation being a little less than expected.

Director Gutierrez explained and reviewed the testing & quarantine processes for District personnel as well as the public.

Attorney Wargo explained that most of his clients have not mandated vaccination but are encouraging personnel to participate. He also discussed workmen’s compensation issues relating to the pandemic.

- XII. DIRECTOR OF FIRE PREVENTION REPORT – None

- XIII. ATTORNEY – Attorney Wargo requested that the District have employees who choose not to participate in the vaccination process sign waivers to stating their choice not to participate.

- XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

- XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

With no further matters before the Board, Trustee Mensinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 18:52 hours. Motion seconded by Trustee Scarpelli, motion approved by roll call vote, Scarpelli – aye, Wolski – aye, Mensinger - aye. Motion carries 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Scarpelli
Secretary

Daniel C. Mensinger, Secretary
1/19/2021 *Pro Tem*