MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD 17 MAY 2021 AT STATION 123

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. ROLL CALL OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Joseph Wolski, Trustee Michael Mensinger; Trustee Danielle Scarpelli (arrived at 1834 hours). Also Present: Fire Chief Sam Molinaro; Deputy Chief Patrick Brenn; James G. Wargo, Attorney; and Jacqueline M. Timmons, Recording Secretary.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of District Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Wolski to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021, Regular Meeting with the noted corrections; second by Trustee Mensinger. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Wolski, aye; Trustee Mensinger, aye. Motion carried, 2-0.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Wolski made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report showing disbursement of funds for the month of April 2021 in the amount of $1,171,893.15 and showing total deposits in the amount of $904,790.80, and to pay all invoices; second by Trustee Mensinger. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Mensinger, aye; Trustee Wolski, aye. Motion carried 2-0.

Trustee Wolski asked to move the first item of New Business out of order. A proclamation was read recognizing Mark Reynolds, Battalion Chief, and honoring him for 29 years and one month of outstanding service to the Tri-State Fire Protection District. Trustee Wolski made a motion to suspend the meeting for refreshments, second by Trustee Mensinger. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scarpelli, aye; Trustee Wolski, aye; Trustee Mensinger, aye. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting was suspended at 1837 hours.

A motion was made by Trustee Wolski to resume the meeting, second by Trustee Scarpelli. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scarpelli, aye; Trustee Wolsi, aye; Trustee Mensinger, aye. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting resumed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – Deputy Chief Employment Contract

Trustee Wolski made a motion to approve the contract between Patrick Brenn and

Tri-State Fire Protection District on May 17, 2021; second by Trustee Scarpelli. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scarpelli, aye; Trustee Wolski, aye; Trustee Mensinger, aye. Motion passed 3-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation – Battalion Chief Mark Reynolds – The recognition ceremony was moved up following the Treasurer's Report.

Election of Officers for the Board of Trustees – Trustee Wolski made a motion that the Trustees remain in their current positions for the fiscal year June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, as follows: Trustee Wolski as President, Trustee Mensinger as Treasurer and Trustee Scarpelli as Secretary, second by Trustee Scarpelli. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scarpelli, aye; Trustee Wolski, aye; Trustee Mensinger, aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Non-Union employees merit increases – Trustee Wolski agrees with Chief Molinaro's recommendation and made a motion that beginning with the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2021, that all non-union employees receive an annual salary increase of 2.3 percent, second by Trustee Scarpelli. The personnel affected include Fire Prevention Director Link, Executive Assistant Radek, EMS Coordinator Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant Terpstra and Director of Maintenance/Mechanic McCaig, second by Trustee Scarpelli. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Scarpelli, aye; Trustee Wolski, aye; Trustee Mensinger, aye. Motion passed 3-0.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

The Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection District training conference brochure was e-mailed to the Trustees. The essential Trustee training can be done online. The Trustees can register for the training with Terri Radek.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Commissioners voted at their last meeting to hire Jordan Saller to fill the vacancy created when Firefighter Stephen Whited resigned. He started June 1st.

X. CHIEF'S REPORT

Battalion Chief Jansen and Lieutenant Vogel received their Chief Fire Officer certification from the State Fire Marshal. The Chief said it is quite an accomplishment and they should be commended for achieving this certification. Deputy Chief Brenn, Battalion Chief Jansen and Lieutenant Vogel went to the Chief's Symposium for them to receive their certification.

XI. DIRECTOR OF EMS REPORT

Director Jim Gutierrez reported that a handful of members have joined with the DuPage County Health Department to participate in the Homebound Vaccination Program and should be commended. Three members currently participating are: Richard Armentano, Nicholas Charlton and Daniel Smith, and two more are taking the test. These members are volunteering their time with no compensation and the Trustees extend their thanks.

XII. DIRECTOR OF FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

There is nothing to add to his report. Director Link can text the Trustees when he is sending out a flash report.

XIII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wargo asked if Trustee Mensinger has taken the Trustee training for the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Mensinger stated that he has. The Attorney General's website was hacked so you cannot access their website. The attorney has been working on a policy for a municipality and suggested that the District have their IT guys take a look at their cyber policies.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XV. CLOSED SESSION – No closed session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Mensinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Scarpelli. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Mensinger, aye; Trustee Wolski, aye; Trustee Scarpelli, aye. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 1917 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL MENSINGER
SECRETARY PRO TEM