



**MINUTES OF THE REGUAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

February 16th, 2022

**HELD AT 671 WOODLAND PARKWAY, VERNON HILLS,
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY ILLNOIS**

Trustee Chris Kennedy called the February 16th, 2022, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Station 53 (671 Woodlands Parkway) Training Room.

A roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Chris Kennedy – present; Trustee Curtis Perlman – present; Trustee Anthony Hanes – present

Also, in attendance were Chief Tom Krueger; Deputy Chief Mike Brown, James Howard, Governmental Accounting; IT Coordinator/Project Manager Keith Halfman, Attorney Shawn Flaherty, several LRFD members. Quorum present.

Public comment – Nothing from the present audience.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the January 19th, 2022, meeting minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Kennedy –yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the January 19th, 2022, closed session meeting minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the February 2022 Treasurer’s report with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Hanes to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Perlman. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried.

CURRENT MONTHLY BILLS: Trustees Hanes inquired about certain items on the list of bills, answered by Chief Krueger. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to ratify paid bills for the current month per the Board List of Bills report in the amount of \$280,434.25 seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Shawn Flaherty discussed potential legislative Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Fund / Insurance Board rules. Attorney Flaherty discussed the statewide firefighter pension fund board, Firefighter Burnell expounded on the subject to inform the Board.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Tom Krueger updated the Board on:

1. Chief Krueger discussed with the Board current COVID status amongst District members.
2. Squad 51 has been busy since first of year with assisting neighboring towns with structure fires and other emergencies. LRFD had one (1) structure fire that was handled in professional manner and quickly extinguished with the assistance of neighboring fire service agencies.
3. Contract (CBA) negotiations have started and has been productive thus far.
4. Chief, Deputy Chief, Keith Halfman, and Insurance Committee will be meeting on February 24th with One Digital Inc. to discuss employee insurance benefits
5. New probationary candidates started on January 1st, 2022, all five (5) are assimilating well to the organization.
6. Fire Commissioner Steve Grossman has resigned his position as Fire Commissioner. His resignation letter was sent to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will need to explore future applicants to the position. This is an appointed position performed by the Board of Trustees.
7. Chief Krueger informed the Board about damage sustained to a resident's entry door during an emergency incident. Board discussed with Chief options to discuss with the affected resident for resolution.
8. Trustee Kennedy was reappointed to the Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term. This position is appointed by the Vernon Township Supervisor.

NEW STATION PROJECT UPDATE:

1. Chief Krueger discussed with the Board that the Chief Staff and Officer group conducted a new station project workshop in January. Chief Krueger discussed that the Officer group had several concerns in the plan to respond and staff the outlying stations (Station 52 and 53) and retain Station 51 is current location for Administration Building, vehicle reserve, storage, meeting/training room etc.
 - a. Chief Krueger discussed with the Board findings of the workshop and to recommend utilizing all three (3) stations for emergency response and staffing, with the goal to remodel or replace with Station 51.
 - b. Trustee Kennedy informed the Chief and members present that he was disappointed in the findings and would like the Chief Administrative Staff to strive for continuous financial and budgetary methods that would allow three (3) firefighter paramedics to respond all our fire suppression vehicles as compared to current two (2) firefighter paramedics.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None on the agenda or discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to accept the contracting bid proposal (Station 52 roof / gutter replacement) from Filotto Roofing Inc. for an amount of \$59,950.00 as presented, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried
2. The BVK Architect Station 51 project was presented to the Board. The Board requested the Chief to seek additional bids from other architectural firms with fire station building experience. Attorney Flaherty stated that he would provide the Chief Staff with several applicable architectural firms for contact.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made to enter into closed session at for the purpose of any lawful action and to discuss the to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and Collective Negotiating Matters (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Perlman. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried.

Closed session was entered at 3:08 pm.

At 3:22 pm, a motion was made by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Perlman to exit closed session, and enter into regular open meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Signature of District documents, as applicable

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 3: 24 pm by Trustee Perlman, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes. Trustee Perlman – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes. Motion carried

Secretary, Board of Trustees (LRFPD)