



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

March 18th, 2024

HELD AT 671 WOODLAND PARKWAY, VERNON HILLS,
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY ILLINOIS

Trustee Chris Kennedy called the March 18th, 2024, Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District to order at 1:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Station 53 (671 Woodlands Parkway) Training Room.

Roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Chris Kennedy—present;
Trustee Anthony Hanes – present; Trustee Wendy Meister-present.

Also, in attendance were Chief Tom Krueger, Deputy Chief Scott Knesley, Deputy Chief Mike Brown, James Howard - Governmental Accounting; IT Coordinator/Project Manager Keith Halfman, Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Candidate Jeff Pabich, Candidate Jake Kadzielawski, and family, LRFD members, Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford, Riverwoods Village Attorney Bruce Hovard, IPRF Executive Director Bob Buhs and IPRF representative Bob Tutko. Quorum present.

Public comment – No comments or questions.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the February 21st, 2024, regular and closed meeting minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy—yes; Trustee Hanes—yes; Trustee Meister—yes Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: James Howard-Governmental Accounting reviewed the March 2024 Treasurer's report with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister—yes Motion carried.

CURRENT MONTHLY BILLS: 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 \$332,816.68 seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister—yes Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Flaherty updated the Board in regard to several legislative bills. Attorney Flaherty discussed SB2879 (competitive bidding process up to \$30k) and SB3163 (funds/revenue set aside for EMS/SRT/OPEB funds).

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

1. Chief Krueger updated the Board on the current status of firefighter injuries and effects on staffing.
2. Chief Krueger updated the Board that two (2) candidate firefighters will start on April 1st. One (1) Candidate is currently an EMT and will start the fire academy on April 8th. The other candidate is currently enrolled in the NWC paramedic program (field internship precepted by LRFD) and will start the fire academy in July of 2024.
3. Chief Krueger reminded the Board in regard to the deadline for submitting the economic interest statements, May 1st.
4. Chief Krueger requested that the April Board of Trustees meeting be rescheduled due to conflict with promotional tactical assessment being held on same date and at same location.
 - a. The Board approved to reschedule the April Board meeting to April 23rd at 2p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Oath of Office was administered to Candidate Jeff Pabich and Candidate Jacob Kadzielawski by Board President Kennedy.
2. IPRF (workman compensation) Executive Director Bob Buhs presented a \$50,000 check to the Fire District for completing all the necessary requirements of the IPRF HELP agreement. It is noted also to recognize the hard work and effort of the LRFD Health Safety / Fitness Officers Lt. John McWilliams and Lt. Josh Pluda in getting the HELP agreement completed.
3. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the PESBA (Carney) agreement subject to discussed edits, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the EMS hardship requests as presented, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes . Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve Resolution 23-24-06 as presented seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes . Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made to enter into closed session at 1:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters concerning 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (5), and (11) by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Closed session was entered at 1:33 p.m.

Present at the closed session was Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Hanes, and Trustee Meister, Chief Tom Krueger, Deputy Chiefs Knesley and Brown, Battalion Chief Eric Levernier, Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford, Riverwoods Attorney Bruce Hovard and LRFD IT/Project Manager Keith Halfman

Chief Tom Krueger, Deputy Chiefs Knesley and Brown, Battalion Chief Eric Levernier, Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford, Riverwoods Attorney Bruce Hovard and LRFD IT/Project Manager Keith Halfman exited closed session at: 2:16 p.m.

Chief Krueger entered closed session at: 3:12 p.m., exited at 3:35 p.m.

At 3:46 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hanes to exit closed session, and enter into regular open meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The open meeting was opened to the public at 3:47 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:

1. No action was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Signature of District documents, as applicable

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m. by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – present; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister-absent

Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Trustees (LRFPD)