

**MINUTES OF THE REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORWOOD PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7447 W. LAWRENCE AVE.
HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706**

The Board of Trustees of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District, Cook County, Illinois convened at the regular meeting place of said Board on the 9th day of February 2026, at 6:31 P.M. at 7447 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call the following named members answered present:

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; absent, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes, Chief Peistrup; yes.

The pledge was said at the start of the meeting.

Presentation and recommendation for the generator project by Scott Drabicki from Clark Dietz. Scott was also present at the Building and Equipment Committee meeting earlier this evening and answered all the committee questions. Mr. Drabicki explained the bids and why they have chosen Arc 1 Electric Inc.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to suspend the rules to permit visitors to be recognized. The Board retains the right to refuse to recognize any individual if they feel their comments are not relevant or to "put them off" if they exceed their time allotment. After all, have had an opportunity to address the Board, the President moves the rules be reinstated, and the Board will proceed with meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following minutes:
- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on January 12, 2026.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Chiefs' Report:

Chief stated he hopes all is well and that all Trustees received a written report.

Call volume is 393, which is slightly down from last year at this time.

We are having some issues with reporting but are working to rectify this.

We have two members off on approved absence.

In March we will have a commissioners' meeting. We need to have an entry level firefighter test soon since our list is expired. We are looking into different testing companies.

There was a fire last Friday. We had 10 departments respond to help. Commander Mattio called a still alarm. There was a slight injury to a firefighter from a different department. Discussion.

SCBAs are in service. The firefighters had nothing but good things to say about them.

We still need to receive some hoses and adapters, which is all part of the approved \$250,000 amount. There is a 15-year warranty for the SCBAs.

Financially, we are doing okay with the generator. We will put down payment this fiscal year and next fiscal year will be paying for the remainder of the costs.

Cook County property taxes are sending out tax bills which will be due by April 1, 2026. We currently have about \$9 million in our accounts but we still have to pay for 2 ambulances and new fire engine when they come.

Chief shopped around for the matured CD. We renewed it at Belmont Bank for 24 months at 3.6%.

We have a Money Market Account at Byline Bank with around \$550,000. This was receiving .5% but after the Chief spoke with their manager, they have increased it to almost 4%. Discussion.

Chief answered questions regarding the Copier. Motion is on the agenda.

Motion by Trustee Palazzo seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for January 2026.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President's Report: Trustee Rybak stated she has nothing to report.

Schedule of Assets
(Arising from Cash Transactions)
January 31, 2026

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492	\$550,082.04
Wintrust -MM #2776	2,677,411.47
Wintrust- Checking #9771	43,306.76
Wintrust- Ambulance #2671	566,087.53
Wintrust- Medical #0599	10,365.38
Wintrust- Donation #4129	1,267.69
Wintrust- FSA #0713	30,237.12
Wintrust- Business Account #6537	104,707.80
Total checking and money market accounts	<u>\$3,983,465.79</u>

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

Belmont Bank (4.087%, 02/10/26)	1,084,681.96
Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26)	659,471.31
Belmont Bank (4.087% 01/19/26)	1,095,899.22
Belmont Bank (4.25%, 3/29/26)	1,000,000.00
Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27)	1,019,473.63
Total certificates of deposit	<u>\$4,859,526.12</u>
Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit	<u>\$8,842,991.91</u>

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to approve the following:

- January's Account Payable Expenditures- \$854,312.25.
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for January 2026

Trustee Santoro explained a couple of the larger expenses.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Trustee Santoro stated she had nothing to report.

Building and Equipment Committee- Trustee Wegrecki stated that they had a meeting and agreed with Clark Dietz's recommendation to approve Arc 1 Electric Inc. for the generator project.

Policy Committee- Trustee Kolaski stated he had nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee- Trustee Santoro stated there was nothing to report.

Pension Fund Member- Trustee Massaro stated there was nothing to report but there is a meeting this month.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to approve the bid from Arc 1 Electric Inc. at a cost of \$379,500.00 for the manufacturing and installation of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Standby/Emergency Generator per the recommendation of Clark Dietz.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve a 60-month lease agreement with Konica Minolta at a monthly cost of \$241.25 for a Bizhub C361i copier/scanner/fax machine.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Wegrecki and seconded by Trustee Mezzano to adopt and approve Resolution #26-1, A Resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus equipment (SCBAs).

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Mezzano and seconded by Trustee Rybak to approve the destruction of Closed Session tapes p to and including July 2024.

Roll Call: Trustee Kolaski; yes, Trustee Rybak; yes,
Trustee Santoro; yes, Trustee Mezzano; yes,
Trustee Massaro; yes, Trustee Wegrecki; yes,
Trustee Palazzo; yes.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Rybak to adjourn the meeting.
AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President