

**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 16th day of March 2026, at 6:30 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.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE (Public Participation)

A motion was made by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro 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 Palazzo and seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the following minutes:

- Board of Trustee Regular meeting minutes held on February 9, 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.

There were 327 emergency calls this month. We are down about 80 calls from last year.

In March, we had a fire on Frank Parkway and a vehicle accident with 8 patients, 2 critical.

We have 2 members on leave. We also had one firefighter resign. There will be increased overtime until we are able to hire.

Met with the Commissioners and we will have the written exam for entry level firefighters on April 30th. The oral interviews will be in May.

We have a Closed Session on the agenda.

There is one large bill from EVS. Engine 101 is in the shop again; it had to be towed. We have no choice but to get it fixed. This was the engine that was reframed and we have had many issues since then.

The generator contract has been signed. Waiting on down payment.

Taxes are due April 1st. We should see money coming in then.

There is a CD that matures at the end of March. We currently have 4 million in our operating accounts and 5 million in CDs.

Motion by Trustee Santoro seconded by Trustee Kolaski to approve the Chief's report for February 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)
February 28, 2026

Assets

Checking and money market accounts:

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| Byline Bank ambulance billing money market #4304492 | \$564,463.76 |
| Wintrust -MM #2776 | 2,656,685.36 |
| Wintrust- Checking #9771 | 40,172.93 |
| Wintrust- Ambulance #2671 | 564,463.76 |
| Wintrust- Medical #0599 | 5,936.72 |
| Wintrust- Donation #4129 | 1,271.38 |
| Wintrust- FSA #0713 | 27,482.70 |
| Wintrust- Business Account #6537 | 105,077.80 |
| Total checking and money market accounts | <u>\$4,030,808.59</u> |

Certificates of deposit (interest rate and maturity):

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| Belmont Bank (3.6%, 02/10/28) | 1,095,855.79 |
| Belmont Bank (4.25% 06/21/26) | 659,471.31 |
| Belmont Bank (3.65% 01/19/28) | 1,095,899.22 |

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| Belmont Bank (4.25%, 3/29/26) | 1,000,000.00 |
| Wintrust Bank (3.9%, 7/21/27) | 1,022,791.58 |
| Total certificates of deposit | <u>\$4,874,017.90</u> |
| Total checking, money market and certificates of deposit | <u>\$8,904,826.49</u> |

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

- February's Account Payable Expenditures- \$549,374.67.
- The Treasurer's report as presented from the Financial Statement for February 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 there was nothing to report.

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 a meeting on February 17th. They accepted Eugene In's resignation. There were elections and Stephen Swank and Mark Blondell are Pension Board members.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Motion by Trustee Kolaski and seconded by Trustee Wegrecki to ratify the payment to Emergency Vehicle Service, Inc. (EVS) in the amount of \$28,547.01 for repairs to Engine 101 and Tower 103.

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

Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Rybak and seconded by Trustee Santoro to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/(2)(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and/or 5 ILCS 12- /2(c)(11) pending or probable litigation.

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

Went into Closed Session at 6:45PM

Returned from Closed Session at 7:42PM

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.

Motion by Trustee Santoro and seconded by Trustee Palazzo to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 7 NAY: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.

Louis Mezzano
Secretary

Joanne Rybak
President