

North Aurora Fire Protection District
2 N. Monroe Street • North Aurora, IL 60542
Minutes of the Board Meeting
July 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Fatten at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Richard Brackett, Kevin Fatten, Gerry Freese, and Richard Haen. Gerry Auchstetter arrived at 6:35 p.m. Chief Lambert also present.

Public Comment

None.

Swearing-In

Chief Lambert presided over the swearing-in ceremony for three new firefighters. He administered the Oath of Office to Jonathan Reavy, Patrick Galloway, and Drew Licar, with family members pinning on their badges. A reception followed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the June 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Brackett and seconded by Trustee Haen to approve the Treasurer's Report. A vote was taken; all in favor.

Presentation of Bills for Payment

Chief Lambert will make sure that Mandy includes details in the printed bill reports at future meetings. He also answered the Board's question regarding regular costs of cardiac monitor maintenance.

A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the bills that were presented for payment. A vote was taken; all in favor.

Old Business

Chief Lambert reported that Todd Zies has been paid the amount approved by the Board through July. The budget reflects a full year's worth of costs.

New Business

A special meeting will be held on July 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing on the proposed 2019/2020 budget, followed by possible action taken by the Board. The budget ordinance needs to be approved by the end of the month.

Chief Lambert presented the Board with an ordinance that would allow the District to receive state reimbursement for training provided to firefighters in the future. To complete the process, the Chief will file a certified copy of the ordinance with the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve Ordinance 2019-05 regarding the Training Act reimbursement. A vote was taken; all in favor.

Report of the Fire Chief

Chief Lambert reported that calls are way up from last year. He also provided details on suspicious fires in the area which could be connected to an arson investigation in DeKalb.

The firefighters have requested the ability to wear shorts while on duty. Although Chief Lambert does not favor wearing shorts, he recognizes that he is in the minority, so as long as the Board is OK with it, he plans to allow shorts under certain restricted conditions. The Board voiced support, so the Chief will create rules for the uniform change.

Chief Lambert reported that there is no information regarding a new fire station, though he has reached out to an architectural firm.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ryan Morton had no report.

Committee Reports

Truck committee went up to inspect the new fire engine.

Trustees' Comments

The Board asked if the District will be involved in North Aurora Days as usual, and they will be.

Executive Session

None.

Consideration of Other Matters As May Lawfully Come Before the Board

None.

Next Meeting

The next Special Board of Trustees Meeting will be held July 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on August 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Haen to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.