

**North Aurora Fire Protection District**  
2 N Monroe Street • North Aurora, IL 60542

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**7/20/2022**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Trustees present: Kevin Fatten, Jerry Auchstetter, Gerry Freese, and Chuck Kuhn.

Absent: Richard Brackett

Present: Interim Chief Klemencic, Battalion Adam Miller, Attorney Erica Thomas, Firefighters Jackson, Swanson, Fatten, and Crystal Pennington.

**Public Comment**

Public hearing on Ordinance 2022-02 adopting the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was open at 6:31 pm. No public comment. Public hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the 6/15/2022 meeting minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to approve the 6/15/2022 closed session meeting minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.

**Correspondence**

Interim Chief Klemencic received the election certificate confirming the passing of the referendum for fire protection bonds.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the Treasurer's report. Vote taken; all in favor.

**Presentation of Bills for Payment**

A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to approve the June 2022 bills that were presented for payment. Vote taken; all in favor.

**Old Business**

- a. Trustee Freese made a motion for the district to put in for intervention on pension proceedings. Trustee Auchstetter seconded the motion. Vote taken; all in favor.
- b. Trustee Kuhn made a motion to elect following board positions; Kevin Fatten President, Gerry Freese Treasurer, Jerry Auchstetter Secretary. Trustee Freese seconded the motion. Vote taken; all in favor.

### **New Business**

- a. A motion was made by trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve continuing with Speer Financial for Municipal Advisory Services. Vote taken; all in favor.
- b. A final contract for Architectural Services was not available to approve.
- c. After discussion regarding the Construction Manager the board decided to hold off on approval until a presentation of the project is available.
- d. Trustee Kuhn made a motion and Trustee Freese made a second to authorize hiring of a full-time employee. Vote taken; all in favor.
- e. The board decided to discuss appointing of a public official in closed session.
- f. After discussion of appointing a Pension Trustee the board decided to wait until the Pension Board of Trustees has a vacancy.
- g. Trustee Auchstetter made a motion to sell a surplus Zodiac Rescue Boat. Trustee Kuhn seconded the motion. Vote taken; all in favor.
- h. Trustee Auchstetter made a motion to sell a surplus 2009 Ford Expedition. Trustee Freese seconded the motion. Vote take; all in favor.
- i. The board decided to discuss approval of administrative assistant compensation during the closed session.
- j. Trustee Freese made a motion and Trustee Kuhn seconded the motion to adopt the 2022-02 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Vote taken; all in favor.

### **Report of Interim Chief**

1. Run Report –
  - a) June 2022 – 200 Calls
  - b) June 2021 – 227 Calls
  - c) As of June 11, 2022-1,347, 2021-1,295
2. Anniversaries- Miller, Freese, Rippinger 21 Years, Pennington 1 Year

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Erica Thomas informed the Board of Trustees that Governor Pritzker has lifted the executive order for Fire and EMS personnel to be vaccinated or test weekly due to the ongoing covid 19 pandemic.

### **Committee Reports**

Interim Chief Klemencic reported that he requested the Village of North Aurora is working to secure a piece of property on this block. He is hoping the property becomes available soon to get the project started as soon as possible.

### **Trustees' Comments**

None

### **Closed Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to go into closed session at 7:28 pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to go back into open session at 8:21 pm.

### **Actions out of Closed Session**

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the compensation of the Administrative Assistant as presented. Vote take; all in favor.

### **Consideration of other matters as may lawfully come before the Board.**

Interim Chief Klemencic advised the Board of Trustees that a special meeting may need to be held to issue bonds depending on timing and rates of the bonds. He will post the meeting if needed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be August 17, 2022, at 6:30 pm at North Aurora Fire Station 1.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken; all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Crystal Pennington*