

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
2/15/2023

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Present: Interim Chief Klemencic, Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Battalion Chief Adam Miller

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Brackett to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. Vote taken; all in favor.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Brackett and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the January 2023 Treasurer's report. Vote taken; all in favor.

Presentation of Bills for Payment

A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Auchstetter to approve the January 2023 bills that were presented for payment. Vote taken; all in favor.

Old Business

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and Seconded by Trustee Kuhn to hire (1) new full-time employee to fill the vacancy created by Lieutenant Lisa Kish's retirement in May of 2023. Vote taken; all in favor.

New Business

- a. The Board of Trustees decided that discussion of appointing a Deputy Chief, Battalion Chief, Lieutenant, and Fire Chief should be discussed during closed session.
- b. A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Freese to Surplus 8 old turnout coats and 4 turnout pants as a donation to efforts in Ukraine. Vote taken; all in favor.

- c. A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Brackett to donate various Scott SCBA equipment to a fire department in Illinois if found or any other organization if not found in state. Vote taken; all in favor.

Report of Interim Fire Chief

- a. Run Report –
 - a) January 2023 – 258 Calls
 - b) January 2022– 248 Calls
 - c) As of February 8th, 2023-311, 2022-303
- b. January Anniversaries
 - a) Matt Arch 26 Years
 - b) Alex Pepper, Joshua Rodgers, Nick Swanson, Joe Wilmes 19 Years
 - c) Pat Craig, Ryan Dietlin 18 Years
 - d) Matt Kahle 17 Years
 - e) Eric Tapley 16 Years
 - f) Dylan Hubbs 3 Years
 - g) Adem Eshtefri 1 Year
- c. Interim Chief Klemencic reported that the district is being audited by ISO on March 7th.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Shawn Flaherty reported that Governor Pritzker abolished the standing Covid-19 orders. He also reported that the Pension Consolidation was deemed lawful, and all fire departments and districts will have to join the consolidation.

Committee Reports

Fire Station Replacement

Interim Chief Klemencic reported that preliminary financial information from Featherstone is out for the cost of station replacement. Chief Klemencic is talking with the Village of North Aurora to see what assistance the department could receive.

Trustees' Comments

None

Closed Session

A motion was made by Trustee Brackett and seconded by Trustee Freese to go into closed session at 7:04.

A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Freese go to back into open session at 7:16

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

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Brackett and seconded by Trustee Freese to appoint Eric Bunkofske as Deputy Chief. Vote taken; all in favor.
- b. A motion was made by Trustee Freese and seconded by Trustee Kuhn to approve the promotion of Joseph Wilmes as Battalion Chief. Vote taken; all in favor.
- c. A motion was made by Trustee Kuhn and seconded by Trustee Freese to approve the promotion of Michael Rippinger as Lieutenant. Vote taken; all in favor.
- d. A motion was made by Trustee Auchstetter and seconded by Trustee Brackett to appoint Mike Klemencic as Fire Chief. Vote taken; all in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be March 15, 2023, 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 7:21.

Respectfully submitted by:

Battalion Chief Adam Miller