

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2023/24 BUDGET AND  
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES OF THE WAUCONDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wauconda Fire Protection District was called to order on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Wauconda Fire Station 1, 109 W. Liberty Street, Wauconda, Illinois.

**ATTENDANCE:** Those present were President Hogan, Trustee McGill, Trustee Planas, Trustee White, and Trustee Gertz. Also present were Chief Kane, Deputy Chief Buschick, Deputy Chief Mueller, and the personnel listed on the attached sheet.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance participated in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** President Hogan made an announcement asking if anyone had any questions or comments about the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Deputy Chief Buschick informed the district board that there were no significant changes to the draft Budget and Appropriations Ordinance as presented in the March 2023 meeting. A second call for comments was requested by President Hogan. A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas, to close the Public Hearing of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. On call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2023 as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes:	Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Trustee White gave the March Treasurer's Report. A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas, to approve the March 2023 Financial Report as presented. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A thank you note from the Wauconda Grade School for our donation to their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gecko Gala. A thank you note from Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District for our assistance with their structure fire on Countyline Road in Barrington Hills. A thank you note from Grayslake Fire Protection District for our assistance with their structure fire on Knollwood Court in Grayslake in February.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None.

**STAFF REPORT:** Chief Kane informed the board of various items that have occurred since the last meeting. Bryan Sliz has been cleared from his injury and has returned to work. Lieutenant Smithe announced his retirement in August of this year with 20 years of service to the district. Doug Cartland will be coming in May for his final session to wrap up the Officer Development Training that has been on going. Chief Kane recognized Division Chief Miller for all the work he has completed planning the combined trainings with our neighbors while also hosting and coordinating the Advanced Firefighter class. Mike Siri generously opened his doors to allow us to host the training classes at his facility as our building is under construction. A few IGAs were drafted up to trade our attendance at various village events for lawn maintenance services between us and the Villages of Wauconda and Island Lake. More will be shared later in the meeting in new business. A contract was entered into with Eric’s Landscaping to complete the lawn maintenance at Station 3. Station 3 also has received a new sign that was installed over the apparatus bays. Deputy Chief Buschick provided an update on the construction project at Station 1 and Station 2. Division Chief Miller shared that there were 22 students in the Advanced Fire class that was hosted this past month. Quarterly live fire training for 2023 is underway at Station 3. Deputy Chief Mueller shared with the board that the full-time testing has started. Applications are available and the test date is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Division Chief DaValle shared that the Bureau received a \$500 grant from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition that will be used for a new TV in the bureau for fire prevention activity and plan reviews. Business Analyst Steingart updated the board on various performance reports for Grants received.

**OLD BUSINESS: APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.** A motion was made by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas, to approve Ordinance 2023-O-01, an Ordinance Adopting the Budget and Appropriations for the Wauconda Fire Protection District Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024. On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT GREG DURBIN TO THE FIRE COMMISSION:** A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas to approve the reappointment of Greg Durbin to the Fire Commission for a 3-year term ending May 18, 2026. On a call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO MEMBER COMPLETING PROBATION:** Erik Fuller has completed his full-time probation. Erik was presented with his helmet shield and badge.

**ILLINOIS FIRE SAFETY ALLIANCE AWARD TO CADET PROGRAM:** A presentation was made to the Cadet Program by Chief Kane and Division Chief DaValle recognizing the hard work and dedication the former Explorer Post and current Cadet Program puts in to supporting and representing the District at various events.

**POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT IGAs WITH THE VILLAGES OF WAUCONDA AND ISLAND LAKE:** A motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas to approve the Service Agreement IGAs with the Villages of Wauconda and Island Lake. On a call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee McGill, seconded by Trustee Planas, to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

On call of roll:

Ayes: Hogan, McGill, Planas, White, Gertz

Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary



Secretary, Board of Trustees, Wauconda Fire District

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its May 18, 2023 meeting