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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

 **APPROVED**  
 4-22-25

<p>The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President John Brudnak for the purpose of conducting all regular business of the District, proper notice having been given.</p> <p><b>PRESENT:</b> Trustees Brudnak, Greenfield, Kaspar, Zekich  <b>ABSENT:</b> Trustee Schirmacher</p> <p><b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> Fire Chief Mike Schofield, Deputy Chief Nick Cinquepalmi, Finance Director Kerry Sullivan, HR Director Alice Stevenson, Attorney Megan Roche Steigauf and Recording Secretary Gerry Strunka.</p>	<p><b>OPENING MEETING</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p>
<p>Paul O’Grady addressed Tinley Park merge rumors, his concerns regarding lack of transparency in regard to FOIA responses and increased taxes</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>
<p>A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2025 was made by Trustee Kaspar and seconded by Trustee Zekich. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Kaspar, Zekich, Brudnak, Greenfield  <b>Nays:</b> None  <b>Absent:</b> Trustee Schirmacher</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p>
<p>Kerry Sullivan reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Plan to replace apparatus, which can change and each purchase still needs Board approval</li> <li>• Plan is to finance engines, trucks and squads</li> <li>• 4-5 years to get apparatus</li> <li>• Recognize the purchase order/encumbrance 2 years prior to delivery</li> <li>• Contracts hold our place in line – no money down, cancellable</li> </ul>	<p><b>FINANCE REPORT</b></p>
<p>Alice Stevenson reported she is finalizing the pre-employment obligations for the 2025 FF Academy.</p>	<p><b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b></p>

No report at this time.	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>
Local 2754 Treasurer Flavin addressed the Board with Union concerns regarding Tinley Park merger rumors.	<b>LOCAL 2754</b>
No report at this time.	<b>LOCAL 134</b>
Trustee Greenfield expressed her concern over articles in the press recently involving her in rumors about Tinley Park. She reiterated she had no involvement	<b>COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We held several Chiefs’ meetings.</li> <li>• January was our busiest month ever and February is looking to be the busiest February on record.</li> <li>• We met with Southwest Central Dispatch on the possibility to being each agency backup center.</li> <li>• We had an apartment fire, confined to a single unit no injuries.</li> <li>• Working on end of the year report</li> <li>• The Battalion Chiefs test is starting next month.</li> <li>• I would like to clarify a statement from a patch article, a few years ago we were approached by someone from Tinley Park about a concept of the Orland Fire District extending into the Village of Tinley Park, I approached our union on their thoughts of the idea, the concept never went anywhere, but for clarification I went to the Union with concept, the Union President had no dealings in the discussion and took no position. The concept was dead. Tinley never brought it up again.</li> <li>• The Battalion Chiefs test is starting next month. We have 7 members taking the test</li> <li>• We are requesting to hire a 7th firefighter, to replace a recent resignation.</li> <li>• We are requesting the promotion of a BC, to replace retiring BC Hynes, a Lieutenant and Engineer</li> <li>• We are working with the Village of Orland Park on an impact fee IGA.</li> <li>• We are still investigating property for future firehouse as developed in the Decennial report.</li> </ul> <p><i>Trustees Zekich and Greenfield followed up with a concern of being unaware of an ethics complaint L2754 referenced and wondered why they, as Trustees, have no knowledge of this information even though it was referenced as being filed approximately 14 days earlier. They feel they have not been informed on Board issues.</i></p> <p><i>Trustee Kaspar stated that in regard to the Chief’s Report and his updates about past talks—that that has been going on for years and that Decennial Committee information is also available to anyone in the public and that anything mentioned were just talks about planning for the future and nothing decided.</i></p>	<b>CHIEF’S REPORT</b>
No Old Business at this time	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
Trustee Zekich made a Motion to place items A-M on a Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. District Treasurer’s Report in the amount of \$2,559,251;</li> <li>B. RFBA 25-14 Request approval to purchase 10 SCBA bottles that have reached their life span (\$15,500);</li> <li>C. RFBA 25-15 Request approval to dispose of 590 gallons of highly carcinogenic</li> </ul>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>

<p>AFFF Class B Firefighter Foam stored at the CTC (\$19,915);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>D. RFBA 25-17 Request approval to purchase a new fan for Engine 6 (\$5,400);</li><li>E. RFBA 25-18 Request approval to record an encumbrance for vehicle purchases when delivery date is within 2 years, and approve fleet plan and capital fund projection;</li><li>F. RFBA 25-19 Request approval to purchase one Pierce Enforcer Pumper and communications and firefighting/rescue equipment with an estimated 48-month delivery date (\$1,358,500 pumper/\$150,000 firefighting/rescue/communications equipment);</li><li>G. RFBA 25-20 Request approval to purchase one Pierce Enforcer 107' Ascendant Tandem Ladder Truck and additional communications and firefighting/rescue equipment with an estimated 48-month delivery date (\$2,275,500 truck and \$250,000 firefighting/rescue/communications equipment);</li><li>H. RFBA 25-21 Request approval to recommend the Board of Fire Commissioners promote Lieutenant Robert Winkleman to Battalion Chief, Engineer Dale Weber to Lieutenant and Firefighter Eric Petravich to Engineer due to Battalion Chief Jim Hynes' May 2025 retirement, effective March 4, 2025;</li><li>I. RFBA 25-22 Request approval to recommend the Board of Fire Commissioners add a 7<sup>th</sup> Probationary Firefighter to the 2025 Academy to replace the recently resigned 2024 Probationary Firefighter Kevin Griffin;</li><li>J. RFBA 25-23 Request approval for repairs to the Opticom System at 151<sup>st</sup> Street &amp; Regent Avenue (replacement of GTT 721 eye \$5,219);</li><li>K. RFBA 25-24 Request approval to pay annual cost of First Arriving subscription (\$10,762);</li><li>L. RFBA 25-25 Request approval to go out to bid for an ultrasonic cleaning unit to remove carcinogenic material from equipment and PPE (eligible to be funded by Workman's Comp grant through IPRF – quoted at \$26,495);</li><li>M. RFBA 25-26 Request approval to go out to bid for structural firefighting gear.</li></ul> <p>and it was seconded by Trustee Brudnak. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Zekich, Brudnak, Greenfield, Kasper <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Absent:</b> Trustee Schirmacher</p> <p>A Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A-M was made by Trustee Greenfield and seconded by Trustee Brudnak. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Greenfield, Brudnak, Kasper, Zekich <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Absent:</b> Trustee Schirmacher</p>	
<p>Trustee Zekich wanted to make a Motion for a press release to be done by OFPD clearing up the confusion about rumored Tinley Park consolidation/Trustee Greenfield. Attorney Roche Steigauf stated since it wasn't on the Agenda we would have to do a Motion to discuss it.</p>	

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
February 25, 2025

<p>Trustee Zekich again expressed concern over lack of communication regarding board issues, in particular, an Ethics complaint referenced and not brought to her and Trustee Greenfield's attention.</p> <p>Trustee Zekich made a motion to discuss a press release re: TP Consolidation rumor and Trustee Greenfield, and it was seconded by Trustee Greenfield. Motion passed.</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Zekich, Greenfield, Brudnak, Kasper <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Absent:</b> Trustee Schirmacher</p>	
<p>No Closed Session was necessary.</p>	<p><b>CLOSED SESSION</b></p>
<p>There being no further business, a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Zekich at 5:26 p.m. and it was seconded by Trustee Greenfield. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Trustees Zekich, Greenfield, Brudnak, Kaspar <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Absent:</b> Trustee Schirmacher</p>	<p><b>RECONVENE</b></p>
<p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>