

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2007**

**Call to Order**

President Joseph Kelly called the meeting of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Group assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee.....Joseph Kelly  
Trustee.....Patrick Lorenz  
Trustee.....Steve Stratakos  
Chief.....William Doherty  
Deputy Chief.....Frederick Vollinger  
Assistant Chief.....Edmund Murphy  
Commissioner.....Jerry Dietz  
Commissioner.....Joseph Kaech  
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne  
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana  
Accountant.....Terry Coleman  
Attorney.....Rick Ryan  
Recording Secretary.....Kelly Kulzer

**Open to the Floor**

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

**Board Approval**

*Minutes – Regular Meeting*

Trustee Stratakos moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2007 as presented. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Minutes – Emergency Meeting*

President Kelly moved to accept the minutes of the emergency meeting of January 11, 2007. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. Trustee Stratakos pass. So approved.

*Accounts Payable & Treasurer’s Report*

Trustee Lorenz made a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending March 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$91,994.81. Trustee Stratakos second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz also moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Budget Review*

With ten months of the year gone, revenues are exceeding expenditures. This does reflect the excess in the ambulance fund, which the District plans to spend this fiscal year on a new ambulance.

## Reports of Officials

### *Chief*

Chief Doherty looked into leasing an ambulance with Penske, but Penske is no longer offering the option to lease. He therefore recommended the 2008 Ford F-450 6.4 liter engine ambulance from Osage. The extended warranty at \$2,695.00 would bring the total approximate cost of the new ambulance to \$129,240.00.

Trustee Lorenz moved to approve the 2008 Ford F-450 6.4 liter engine ambulance upon the Chief's recommendation. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

The Fire Service Legislative Day is May 9, 2007 in Springfield. Anyone interested in attending should contact Chief Doherty.

The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts conference is June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. The Chief asked those interested in attending to contact him.

The Hickory Hills Women's Club is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Sabre Room on March 31, 2007. The price is \$40.00 per person, if anyone is interested in attending.

The District will need to hire a new full-time employee when the Deputy Chief begins working days as of July 1, 2007. President Kelly moved to allow the Fire Commissioners to begin the process of hiring another full-time firefighter/paramedic for an approximate start date of July 1, 2007. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

There is currently a new hire eligibility list that expires in August; the Commissioners will look into the requirements for establishing another eligibility list, if necessary.

Battalion Chief Gary Foster reported on plans to redo the parking lot at Station 1. The first phase includes removing the portion of the lot closest to the building on the south side and repaving it with concrete. B/C Foster received the following preliminary bids:

Sweeney out of Palos Hills: \$35,000.00  
Rich Buss out of Hickory Hills: \$35,420.00

He noted that Rich Buss Cement will include stamping and coloring of the lot at the side entry into the station, and will pour concrete around the fire hydrant on 79<sup>th</sup> Court.

Trustee Lorenz advised B/C Foster to ensure that proper rebar will be installed to reinforce the concrete.

With further research pending, Trustee Lorenz moved to approve Rich Buss Cement to repave the parking lot at Station 1. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

Chief Doherty will have the budget for the fiscal year 5/1/07-4/30/08 to the Trustees shortly for review.

*Deputy Chief*

The District did receive the FEMA grant for \$77,000.00, which will be spent on turnout gear. He has met with 3 different companies, and should have proposals shortly.

D/C Vollinger sent the application in for the Illinois Public Risk Fund safety grant on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The award is \$8,000.00, and he expects a response shortly.

All personnel needing to complete their Haz-Mat validation did so last week.

In relation to the fire at Wendy's in Hickory Hills in February, the District did receive a letter from the Hickory Hills Building Commissioner on February 14<sup>th</sup> authorizing the commanding officers of Roberts Park to, after responding to incidents, act on behalf of the city and evacuate/shut down facilities that pose a safety hazard.

The Deputy Chief attended a meeting with the Cook County Dept. of Public Health regarding quarantine procedures. Further meetings have been scheduled. Battalion Chief Tracy, as EMS coordinator, has been given information regarding an upcoming drill.

*Assistant Chief*

A/C Murphy is currently working on correcting a problem with a printer at Oak Lawn Central Dispatch.

*Commissioners*

The Commissioners have finished the Battalion Chief testing, with the following scores:

Lt. Jeffrey Ketchen: 78.97  
Lt. Aric Anderson: 76.38  
Lt. Joseph Duffy: 75.13

This list will be in effect until March 2, 2010.

They are still in the process of hiring a new full-time department member; they have sent an offer of employment to the tenth candidate on the eligibility list, and will keep the Board apprised.

*Attorney*

Nothing at this time. The Board welcomed Mr. Ryan to Roberts Park.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Lorenz moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Stratakos second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.