

**ROBERTS PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 13, 2008**

**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.

**Roll Call**

Trustee.....Joseph Kelly  
Trustee.....Patrick Lorenz  
Trustee.....Steve Stratakos  
Chief.....William Doherty  
Deputy Chief.....Frederick Vollinger  
Commissioner.....Jerry Dietz (6:10 p.m.)  
Commissioner.....Joseph Kaech  
Commissioner.....Kenneth Osborne (6:10 p.m.)  
Administrative Assistant.....Don Fontana  
Attorney.....Rick Ryan  
Accountant.....Terry Coleman  
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 April 8, 2008 as presented. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Minutes – Closed Session*

Trustee Stratakos moved to accept the minutes of the closed session of the Trustees Meeting of April 8, 2008 as presented. Trustee Lorenz second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Minutes – Special Meeting*

Trustee Lorenz moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting of April 21, 2008 as presented. Trustee Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz aye. Trustee Stratakos present. So approved.

*Accounts Payable & Treasurer’s Report*

Trustee Lorenz entertained a motion to accept the purchase journal and accounts payable ending May 13, 2008 in the amount of \$135,358.94. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Trustee Kelly second. No additions or corrections. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved. Trustee Lorenz entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and post it on the bulletin board for public view. So moved by Trustee Stratakos. Trustee Kelly second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

*Budget Review*

A preliminary year-end review shows that revenues slightly exceeded what was budgeted, and expenditures slightly exceeded the budget due to personnel and social security expenses.

*Budget Approval*

Trustee Stratakos moved to approve the budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 as presented. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

**Reports of Officials**

*Chief*

Negotiations of the Justice agreement are progressing. Chief Doherty and D/C Vollinger have a meeting with the Mayor and Trustee Murray on May 20, 2008, and their attorney will correspond with ours regarding terms.

As discussed at the April Trustees Meeting, Chief Doherty has switched the District's commercial package/general liability insurance carrier for 5/1/08 – 4/30/09 to ESO, for an approximate savings of \$20,000.00.

We received a thank-you letter from Lockport when our division responded to a hotel fire in their area.

Two full-time members of the District, Cindy Byrd and Sean Murphy, each received scholarships of \$500.00 from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

Illinois Public Risk Fund, our worker's compensation insurance carrier, completed its audit of the District's payroll, and the District received a refund check of \$2,805.00.

The ladder truck is again out of service, due to a broken hydraulic swivel. The total cost of repairs, including labor, is approximately \$15,000.00.

Chief Doherty requested authorization from the Board to promote three Lieutenants effective July 1, 2008. Trustee Stratakos moved to promote the next three eligible candidates off of the current Lieutenant's list to the rank of full-time Lieutenant, with the promotions effective July 1, 2008. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. So approved.

The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts will be holding its conference in Springfield from 6/19-6/22/08. Please notify Chief Doherty if you are interested in attending.

*Deputy Chief*

D/C Vollinger is in the process of closing out the FEMA grant, which will be completed shortly upon the receipt of details of grant-funded expenditures.

D/C Vollinger, B/C Ketchen, and Kelly Kulzer will be attending an IPRF training session in Springfield on May 15, 2008. D/C Vollinger and B/C Ketchen will be

attending the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association conference in Peoria immediately following.

*Commissioners*

The Commissioners gave their congratulations to the promotees being sworn in this evening.

Christopher Grazier is completing the hiring process for a full-time probationary firefighter/paramedic.

Per the Board's request, the Commissioners will move forward with the promotion of three Lieutenants off of the current eligibility list.

*Attorney*

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

Commissioner Dietz announced his retirement from the Board of Fire Commissioners effective June 30, 2008. The Board expressed its appreciation of his many years of service.

Battalion Chief Gary Foster will be retiring effective May 24, 2008. He was presented with a retiree badge and thanked for his dedication to the District.

Aric Anderson was sworn in as a Battalion Chief of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District and took an oath of office.

Sean Murphy was sworn in as a Lieutenant of the Roberts Park Fire Protection District and took an oath of office.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Stratakos moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Lorenz second. Trustees Kelly, Lorenz, Stratakos aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.