

**MINUTES  
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
April 10, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Trustees Present: Dick Kuhn, Bob Tripp, Jason Bragg, Ken Holmstrom and Rodger Long Also present: DC Josh Flanders, AC Dan Schiradelly, Executive Assistant Wendy Knack and Attorney Shawn Flaherty

The Regular Meeting of the Oswego Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 pm at Station 1, 3511 Woolley Road, Oswego, IL

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Long to accept the Agenda as posted.  
Voice vote: Aye-5 Nay-0 Motion carries

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to approve the COW minutes of March 13, 2023. Voice vote: Aye-5 Nay-0 Motion carries

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Bragg to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 Voice vote: Aye-5 Nay-0 Motion carries

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 Voice vote: Aye-5 Nay-0 Motion carries

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Todd Milliron from Yorkville, IL expressed his displeasure with the format of the STAFF Report He expressed his opinion regarding an ongoing legal issue with a former OFPD employee

Scott Pugsley from Montgomery, IL read a prepared statement in regards to an ongoing legal issue with a former OFPD employee

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Brad O'Sullivan of GAI presented the Treasurers Report, Financial Statement and Budget Outlook. As of March 31, 2023 these were the account balances for the Oswego Fire Protection District:

Byline Bank Checking	\$ 847,644
Byline Bank MM	\$ 9,927
Byline Bank PR Acct.	\$ 178,634
Byline Bank RE Tax	\$ 963,607
Old National Checking	\$ 75,782
Old National MM	\$ 35,872
Petty Cash	\$ 1,520
First Natl Bank Money Market	\$ 17,689
Byline Bank CD	\$ 268,707
OFPD Charles Schwab Acct.	\$ 1,409,960
Allied Bank MM	\$ 162,837
Total District Assets:	<b>\$ 3,972,180</b>

The motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report.  
Voice vote: Aye-5 Nay-0 Motion carries

#### 4. BILL LIST:

Trustees reviewed the Bill List in the COW Meeting.

A motion was made by Tripp and seconded by Long to approve the bills as listed. Roll call vote:  
Aye -Long, Kuhn, Tripp, Holmstrom and Bragg Nay-none Motion carries

See the Oswego Fire Protection District bill list attached.

#### 5. STAFF REPORT:

Staff Report was discussed in the COW before the Regular Meeting  
Capt. Keenum was on-hand to give an update of current projects going up in the District that will have a substantial impact on OFPD services

#### 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kuhn made an announcement that he is retiring and this Board of Trustees Meeting will be his final one. He expressed his gratitude for the many years he has been able to serve the District and feels he's leaving it is a good position. He thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the Bond Referendum passed-the Union, Staff, OFPD Members, Friends of Oswego FF's and many other generous volunteers. He talked about how dramatically the District has changed since he first got on the Board and how proud he is to have been a part of making it the organization it is today.

#### 7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Flaherty thanked President Kuhn for his many years of service to the District. He stated that he had 12 clients who went to Referendum, 5 Fire Districts succeeded in passing theirs. He is working on the annexation ordinance for the 3 properties from Bristol Kendall FPD. He told Trustees and Staff that there is legislation currently being considered to raise the bidding threshold to \$30,000.00 and another to make selling FPD property easier to sell by the Districts

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held in the COW about hiring 6 FT FF's after a new list is produced. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Holmstrom to table the discussion/possible approval to the May 2023 Regular Meeting

Discussion was held in the COW about approving a raise for 4 Staff Members in conjunction with the 3% CBA raises to take effect May 1, 2023. A motion was made by Tripp and Holmstrom to approve a 3% raise for 4 Staff Members effective May 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Aye- Kuhn, Tripp, Holmstrom, Bragg and Long Nay-none Motion carries

Staff discussed with Trustees in the COW the upcoming health insurance renewal through BCBSIL. A comparison with other providers was done with the help of One Digital (the District's insurance brokerage) BCBSIL came back with the best premium and policy. A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to approve renewal of the BCBSIL health insurance policy for Members at an increase of 4.53%. Roll call vote: Aye-Tripp, Holmstrom, Bragg, Long and Kuhn Nay-none Motion carries

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None


\*\*At this time, Trustee Bragg took the opportunity to express thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Bond Referendum a success including Union Members, State Union Reps, FF's from other towns, volunteers, family members, Friends of Oswego Fire. He feels the effort has brought the District's partnership with the Union to a new level. President Kuhn and the other Trustees second this notion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further questions or comments from the public in attendance, and no further discussion by The Board, on a motion by Long and seconded by Bragg, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm Voice vote: Aye-5 Nay-0 Motion carries

Respectfully submitted

SECRETARY

  
Robert W. Tripp