

MINUTES
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
June 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustees Present: Jason Bragg, Ken Holmstrom and Rodger Long Absent: Tripp and Zameda
Also present: 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

**A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to appoint Rodger Long president Pro-Tem Voice vote: Aye-3 Nay-0

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to accept the Agenda as posted.
Voice vote: Aye-3 Nay-0 Motion carries

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to approve the COW minutes of May 8, 2023. Voice vote: Aye-3 Nay-0 Motion carries

A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 8, 2023 Voice vote: Aye-3 Nay-0 Motion carries

PUBLIC FORUM:

Scott Pugsley from Montgomery, IL addressed the Board about his on-going concerns

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Byline Bank Checking	\$ 203,116
Byline Bank MM	\$ 10,127
Byline Bank PR Acct.	\$ 557
Byline Bank RE Tax	\$ 782,746
Old National Checking	\$ 106,639

Old National MM	\$ 35,875
Petty Cash	\$ 1,360
First Natl Bank Money Market	\$ 17,710
Byline Bank CD	\$ 268,707
OFPD Charles Schwab Acct.	\$ 624,485
Allied Bank MM	\$ 163,873
Total District Assets:	\$ 2,215,197

The motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Voice vote: Aye-3 Nay-0 Motion carries

4. BILL LIST:

Trustees reviewed the Bill List in the COW Meeting.

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

See the Oswego Fire Protection District bill list attached.

5. TRUSTEE INITIATIVES

Trustee Bragg took a moment to commend the crews on the correspondence that has been received lately regarding the high level of care they have provided to our residents

6. STAFF REPORT:

Staff Report was discussed in the COW before the Regular Meeting

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Flaherty spoke briefly on legislative matters affecting the District
He informed the Board that a final request for payment of insurance benefits has been sent out to a former member

He assured Trustees that they are in compliance with the Decennial Committee requirements
He explained that the Bond process will be proceeding slowly and methodically since this is the first time the District has been involved in this process. Currently closing is set for July 19th.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the election of Officers. The Slate of Officers was proposed as follows: President-Rodger Long, Treasurer-Ken Holmstrom, Secretary-Bob Tripp
A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to approve the Slate as proposed.
Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long and Holmstrom Nay-none Motion carries

**At this time, newly-elected President Long said a few words about his plans for his upcoming term. He spoke of Duty-Pride-Tradition and what each of those things means to him and what an honor it is to serve the District as a life-long resident. He expressed his thanks and appreciation to all of the former Chiefs and pledged to do his best to ensure the continued highest quality of service to our residents. He outlined some of his goals and expressed his excitement to be working with the members of the District towards mutual goals. He ended with the Mission Statement: *The Oswego FPD will provide the highest quality service and strive to challenge ourselves to achieve the greatest potential for those we serve.*

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing needs of the District were discussed.
A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to hire 8 FF/PM's from the eligibility list that will be in effect next month. Roll call vote: Aye-Long, Holmstrom and Bragg Nay-none Motion carries
- Contracting with NIU was discussed in the COW. A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to enter into a contract with NIU for strategic planning in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long and Holmstrom Nay-none Motion carries
- Brad O'Sullivan with GAI discussed the tentative budget for FY 2023-2024 with Trustees and Staff. Trustees and Staff agreed to move forward with placing the budget ordinance on the Agenda for the July Regular meeting for possible approval. The tentative budget is available for public viewing and the required notice has been published.
- Future meeting parameters were discussed. Suggestion was made to eliminate the COW Meeting unless needed and to move the Regular Meeting Time to a 5pm start time. Guidelines for Public Forum were also discussed. Participation Forms will be implemented and a 3-minute limit per speaker will also be put in place.
A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to implement the proposed changes to the Regular Meeting requirements. Roll call vote: Aye-Holmstrom, Bragg and Long Nay-none Motion carries
- The need for turn-out gear was discussed in the COW. A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the purchase of turn-out gear in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long and Holmstrom Nay-none Motion carries

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further questions or comments from the public in attendance, and no further discussion by The Board, on a motion by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm Voice vote: Aye-3 Nay-0 Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY


Robert W. Tripp