

**MINUTES
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
March 11, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustees Present: Ken Holmstrom, Jason Bragg, Sarah Zameda and Rodger Long. Absent: Rob DeLong. Also present: DC Josh Flanders, AC Dan Schiradelly, Exec Asst Wendy Knack and Attorney Shawn Flaherty

The Regular Meeting of the Oswego Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 pm at Station 1, 3511 Woolley Road, Oswego, IL

President Long welcomed Pat Watson back after his bout with cancer. He expressed his appreciation of Pat's remarkable attitude and thanked him for his dedication to the District. He is an inspiration to all. Chief Flanders echoed the sentiments and commented on Pat's 6 years of service to the District, his phenomenal attitude and how much that has impacted his fellow firefighters and their bond with one another. Pat thanked everyone for the kind words and expressed his appreciation and happiness to be back.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to accept the Agenda as posted. Voice vote: Aye - 4 Nay - 0 Motion carries

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes of February 12, 2024. Voice vote: Aye - 4 Nay - 0 Motion carries

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brad O'Sullivan of GAI presented the Treasurers Report, Financial Statement and Budget Outlook. As of February 29, 2024, these were the account balances for the Oswego Fire Protection District:

Byline Bank Checking	\$ 551,598
Byline Bank MM	\$ 144,882
Byline Bank PR Acct.	\$ 91,185
Byline Bank RE Tax	\$ 1,710,517

Petty Cash	\$ 2,090
First Natl Bank Money Market	\$ 17,905
Byline Bank CD	\$ 269,913
OFPD Charles Schwab Acct.	\$ 1,459,592
Allied Bank MM	\$ 168,242
Schwab Bond Acct	\$ 8,264,493
Total District Assets:	\$12,680,777

The motion was made by Zameda and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Aye – Long, Holmstrom, Zameda and Bragg Nay-none Motion carries

4. BILL LIST:

Trustees reviewed the proposed list of bills for payment.

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

See the Oswego Fire Protection District bill list attached.

5. STAFF REPORT:

Chief Schiradelly updated the Board on the search for a construction manager for the Station 2 remodel. There are 3 finalists and interviews will be held on April 5th. Two Trustees may consider attending.

Schiradelly updated the Board on the current testing status. The in-person written exam will be on March 30th. An on-line exam will be available all week for people who can't make the in-person. Final list should be in place by June.

Chief Flanders informed the Board that there will be a Swearing-In, Promotion and Awards Ceremony on May 6th.

6. TRUSTEE INITIATIVES:

None

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Long talked about the State of the Village address that was held recently. He was pleased with the representation from the District. The Oswego Village President stressed that there will be significant growth over the next few years. Long would like Capt. Keenum to come to the next Regular Meeting for an update of planned building in the District.

Long is please to see the Land Donation Agreement on the Agenda for approval tonight.

Bragg stated that they have heard from a lot of different sources (NIU, Village, Local Builders, etc.) that there will be significant growth in the coming months/years.

Long talked about the ride-along he did the previous Saturday with BC Gallup. He appreciated the demo on the TICs and the differences in models. He stated that they discussed a lot of things and he learned a lot. It was a good experience and he would recommend it to any of the Trustees.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Flaherty touched on several bills currently before the IL House and Senate that would affect Fire Districts. He will have more information as Session continues.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion of hiring a FT Mechanic will be held for Closed Session
- The Life Line proposal will be tabled until further information is received from EMSMC
- The donation agreement with the Village of Oswego was reviewed. A motion was made by Zameda and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Real Estate Donation Agreement for the Southwest Corner of Wolfs Crossing & Devoe, Oswego, Illinois. Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long, Holmstrom and Zameda
Nay-none Motion carries
- Discussion was held on the IGA w/BKFPD for the IT position. A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Zameda to enter into an IGA with Bristol-Kendall FPD for sharing of an IT person. Roll call vote: Aye-Long, Holmstrom, Zameda and Bragg
Nay-none Motion carries *There have been many applications received for this position. Interviews will be scheduled*

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Flanders discussed the option to re-chassis ambulances as opposed to purchasing new. There were 3 re-chassis purchases figured into the Bond request monies in an amount of \$200,000 per chassis. There is currently a 90-day turnaround for this process. A motion was made by Zameda and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the re-chassis of one ambulance in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00 Roll call vote: Aye-Holmstrom, Zameda, Bragg and Long.
Nay-none Motion carries
- The need to promote a FF from the LT list due to Capt. Cave's move to the EMS Office in April was discussed. A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Zameda to approve the promotion of David Martinez to Lieutenant affective April 1st. Roll call vote: Aye-Zameda, Bragg, Long and Holmstrom
Nay-none Motion carries
- A side letter agreement with IAFF Local 4773 was discussed. The issue was held for discussion in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

- President Long called for a motion to enter Closed Session to discuss the FT Mechanic position and side letter with Local 4773. A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg at 5:42 pm to enter Closed Session. Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

Long re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:10 pm


A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Zameda to approve the side letter with IAFF Local 4773 contingent on the Local vote next week. Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long, Holmstrom and Zameda Nay-none Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further questions or comments from the public in attendance, and no further discussion by The Board, on a motion by Zameda and seconded by Holmstrom, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY



Sarah Zameda