

MINUTES
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
January 13, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustees Present: Ken Holmstrom, Rob DeLong, Jason Bragg and Rodger Long. Absent: Trustee Zameda Also present: Chief Josh Flanders, DC Dan Gallup, Executive 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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by DeLong to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 9, 2024 Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

James Howard with GAI presented the Treasurers Report, Financial Statement and Budget Outlook for review. As of December 31, 2024, these were the account balances for the Oswego Fire Protection District:

Byline Bank Checking	\$ 891,250
Byline Bank MM	\$ 4,968
Byline Bank PR Acct.	\$ 206,045
Byline Bank RE Tax	\$ 5,031,865
Petty Cash	\$ 1,559
First Natl Bank Money Market	\$ 18,124
Byline Bank CD	\$ 271,663
OFPD Charles Schwab Acct.	\$ 1,004,838
Schwab Bond Acct	<u>\$ 8,116,249</u>

Total District Assets: **\$ 15,546,561**

The motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by DeLong to approve the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote: Aye- 4 Nay-0 Motion carries

4. BILL LIST:

Trustees reviewed the proposed list of bills for payment.

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

See the Oswego Fire Protection District bill list attached.

5. STAFF REPORT:

- Administration Report from Chief Schiradelly was reviewed. See attached Administration Report
- Operations Report from Chief Gallup was reviewed. See attached Operations Report
- Chief Flanders discussed other miscellaneous projects Staff has been working on and events affecting the District. He gave the Trustees a couple of upcoming dates of interest: Annual TIF District meetings will be held in Montgomery on the 17th and Oswego on the 21st of this month. The District is hosting Coffee With the Chamber at Station 1 on February 12th, the 1st Annual State of the Department will be held on January 24th at Station 1, and the Annual Blood Drive will be held at Station 1 on April 5th.

He updated the Trustees on the status of new hires. There are currently 5 conditional offers tendered with 4 of those scheduled for physicals and an expected start date of February 10th

6. TRUSTEE INITIATIVES:

None

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Long said a few words about the new year and all of the plans going forward in 2025

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Flaherty informed Staff and Trustees that the Social Security Reform Act that could affect FF's and other government employees was signed into law and is retro-active to January of 2024

9. OLD BUSINESS:

None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- Trustees reviewed the proposed Regular Meeting Dates for 2025. A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by DeLong to approve the dates as proposed. Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries
- Review of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes resulted in a motion by DeLong and seconded by Holmstrom to keep all minutes closed until review at the Regular Meeting in June 2025 Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long, Holmstrom and DeLong Nay-none Motion carries
- Closed Session Meeting Tapes older than 18 months old were discussed. A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to destroy Closed Session Meeting Tapes from December 19, 2022 and March 13, 2023 Roll call vote: Aye-Long, Holmstrom, DeLong and Bragg Nay-none Motion carries
- Turn-Out Gear that was budgeted for in the current fiscal year was discussed. A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Holmstrom to approve the purchase of turn-out gear in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 Roll call vote: Aye-Holmstrom, DeLong, Bragg and Long Nay-none Motion carries
- Options for an auditing firm to conduct the upcoming year-end audit were discussed. A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to enter into a one-year agreement with Newkirk & Associates, Inc. for the upcoming year-end audit Roll call vote: Aye-DeLong, Bragg, Long and Holmstrom Nay-none Motion carries
- The need for a new air conditioning machine for the shop was discussed. The District's old machine is not capable of servicing the newer vehicles A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by DeLong to approve the purchase of an air conditioning machine in an amount not to exceed \$9,800 Roll call vote: Aye-Bragg, Long, Holmstrom and DeLong Nay-none Motion carries

CLOSED SESSION:

None


ACTION FOLLOWING 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 Zameda and seconded by DeLong, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY 
Sarah Zameda