

MINUTES
OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
October 20, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustees Present: Ken Holmstrom, Rob DeLong, Jason Bragg and Rodger Long Absent-Sarah Zamede Also present: Fire Chief Josh Flanders, Deputy Chief Dan Schiradelly, Deputy Chief 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

**Retired Chief Rick Neitzer presented research on the current PTELL restrictions for the District and some various solutions the District could pursue to alleviate some of the restrictions.

- A motion was made by Bragg and seconded by Holmstrom to take Neitzer's information and suggestions under advisement for possible action in the future. Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Holmstrom 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 DeLong and seconded by Bragg to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 8, 2025. Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Holmstrom presented the Financial Report for September 2025. He touched on a few items of interest regarding the Budget status to date. As of September 30, 2025, these were the account balances for the Oswego Fire Protection District:

Byline Bank Checking	\$ 325,655
Byline Bank MM	\$ 5,050,639

Byline Bank PR Acct.	\$ 457,532
Byline Bank RE Tax	\$ 3,943,148
Petty Cash	\$ 1,518
Byline Bank CD	\$ 279,279
Charles Schwab Acct.	\$ 1,036,187
Schwab Bond Acct	<u>\$ 5,275,735</u>
Total District Assets:	\$ 16,369,693

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

4. BILL LIST:

Trustees reviewed the proposed list of bills for payment.

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

See the Oswego Fire Protection District bill list attached.

5. STAFF REPORT:

- Chief Schiradelly went over the Administration Report. See attached Administration Report
- Chief Gallup went over the Operations Report. See attached Operations Report.
- Chief Flanders discussed the trend in health insurance premiums that other Districts have been seeing. Although our renewal isn't for a few months yet, he wanted the Trustees to be aware that the trend others have been seeing is in the 20-30% range. Other issues regarding the District were discussed.

6. TRUSTEE INITIATIVES:

- Trustee DeLong talked about a meeting he and Trustee Zameda had attended last month. He said these meetings will be held every other month with rotating Trustees.
- Trustee Bragg discussed the need to begin talks about possible referendum ideas/alternative funding avenues.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Long thanked the Foreign Fire Board for their partnership and assistance with the District's needs. He would like to see more social media blasts reminding people that it's

going to be getting dark earlier. He commended everyone on the Open House.

8. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Flaherty mentioned a couple of continuing education opportunities coming up. He stated that the Lift Assist Ordinance should be ready for the November Trustees Meeting. He believes the Levy Ordinance can be ready by then as well. He suggests 6.5% depending on how the Will County numbers come in. He should have those soon.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- 2025 Levy Discussion covered under Attorney's Report
- Draft of Audit was reviewed and discussed. Auditors will be at November Trustees Meeting to present for possible approval.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Holmstrom and seconded by Bragg to enter closed session at 6:15 for the following purpose(s)

- (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.
- (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

None

Regular session was reopened at 7:50 pm

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 DeLong, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm Voice vote: Aye-4 Nay-0 Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY

Sarah Zamedá