

**Minutes of the May 27, 2021
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
West Chicago Fire Protection District
Held at Fire Station One
200 Fremont Street, West Chicago, Illinois**

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Bratcher with Trustees Jim Grobe, Anthony Gagliardi and Ruben Campos also in attendance. Trustee Steve Usedom was not in attendance. Also present were Chief Pat Tanner; Assistant Chief Tim Leidig; Firefighters Greg Zudis, Scott Hamlin, Todd Baseggio and Jim Fritz; Lieutenant Ric Ciszewski and Mike Buenrostro Jr. attorney Joseph Miller.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment heard during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2021 were reviewed. Trustee Campos made a motion to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Accountant James Howard (remote attendance) presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021. The report included a presentation of the proposed District Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Trustee Bratcher announced that the account payables for the District for the period of April 22, 2021 through May 27, 2021 totaled \$330,088.58. Trustee Bratcher also announced that the payroll for the District as of May 27, 2021 was \$429,887.22. Trustee Grobe made a motion to approve the total amount of expenditures for the District of \$759,975.80. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gagliardi. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Gagliardi – Aye	Trustee Grobe – Aye	Trustee Campos- Aye
Trustee Bratcher – Aye	Trustee Usedom – Absent	

Motion passed 4 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Finance and Planning:** Chief Tanner noted that the 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriations ordinance figures are in the Board packet. A discussion was held regarding holding a budget workshop on July 9. The ordinance will be approved at the July 22, 2021 meeting.

b. Divisional Reports:

- i. **Administration:**
 - a. Chief Tanner noted that the Search and Rescue Strike Team made a presentation to the Illinois Fire Chiefs.
 - b. Commissioners- Chief Tanner noted that Brandon Waldschmidt was hired from the firefighter-paramedic list.
- ii. **Emergency Medical Services:**
 - a. Chief Tanner announced that Medic 7 was the 2020 Region 9 ambulance of the year.
 - b. Chief Tanner announced that Dave Koelper was the 2020 Region 9 paramedic of the year.
- iii. **Fire Prevention and Education:** No report.
- iv. **Fire Suppression and Training:** Chief Tanner provided an update on training done through the Alliance.
- v. **Building/Equipment/Fleet/Capital Improvement:** Chief Tanner noted that the new pick-up truck is expected to be received by the District in June. Chief Tanner also reported on repairs (paint) to Squad 7 by Ferrara.

UNION LOCAL 3970: The Union updated the Board on some of the highlights of the District approved trainings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution 2021-R-01.** A Resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire Protection District regarding the sale of 215 Smith Road, West Chicago, Illinois. Chief Tanner updated the Board on the history of the District's ownership of the property and the need to sale since it is not useable for District purposes.

Trustee Campos made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-R-01 authorizing the intergovernmental agreement for the sale of the property. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed:

Trustee Gagliardi – Aye
Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Grobe – Aye
Trustee Usedom – Absent

Trustee Campos-Aye

Motion passed 5 – 0.

- b. Discussion/Possible Approval of Settlement Agreement with Kards, Inc. Attorney Miller informed the Board that Kards had agreed to pay the District settlement demand.

Trustee Gagliardi made a motion to approve the settlement agreement with Kards, Inc. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grobe. Roll call vote showed.

Trustee Gagliardi – Aye
Trustee Bratcher – Aye

Trustee Grobe – Aye
Trustee Usedom – Absent

Trustee Campos-Aye

Motion passed 4 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

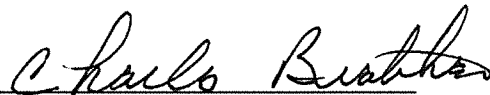
MISCELLANEOUS: President Bratcher noted that the IAFFD conference will be held in June.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS: Attorney Miller provided the Board of Trustees an update on possible pending legislation.

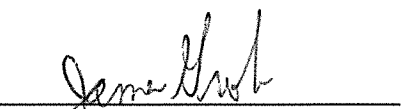
CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Discussion/Possible Approval of Settlement Agreement with Kards, Inc. (Moved to new business-no closed session held)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Grobe to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Charles Bratcher President



James Grobe Secretary