

Mark Kirschhoffer - Fire Chief

Peter Campanella

Joe Stanonik

Doug Reno

Trustees

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the
Newport Township Fire Protection District
Meeting Date January 18, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: **The January 18, 2011 Board Meeting** of the Newport Township Fire Protection District was called to order at 8:00 am by Board President Stanonik. The meeting was held at the Newport Township Fire Station and publicly posted.

Roll Call: Trustee's Stanonik, Campanella and Reno all present. A quorum was achieved. Also attending Fire District legal counsel John Kelly and Assistant Chiefs Edmonds and Brewer

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Stanonik moved to approve the December 14, 2010 tax levy meeting minutes, seconded Trustee Campanella with all Trustees voting AYE

Trustee Reno moved to approve the regular December 14, 2010 meeting minutes, seconded Trustee Campanella with all Trustees voting AYE.

Trustee Stanonik moved to approve the January 5, 2011 special meeting minutes, seconded Trustee Reno with all Trustees voting AYE

Treasurer Report: Trustee Campanella asked for a clarification of the accounts. Treasurer Reno explained there is a checking account, sweep account, capital fund account which is the money market and a pension checking account. Trustee Reno presented the January 2011 Treasurer report for approval. Trustee Stanonik moved to accept and approve the January 2011 treasurer report as presented, Trustee Campanella seconded with a roll call vote. Trustee

Stanonik, Campanella and Reno all voting AYE and no NYE vote. Treasurer report accepted unanimously.

Payment of Bills:

Trustee Reno asked Assistant Chief Edmonds why the Fire District received the credit card statement late so a late charge had to be paid on both the Edmonds and Kirschhoffer account. AC Edmonds didn't realize the statements were being paid late. Trustee Stanonik asked Attorney Kelly whether constants and charge cards could be put on automatic payment through the checking account which would avoid late charges. Attorney Kelly said they could be placed on automatic payment or the Board could consider moving the meeting date earlier in the month to compensate for the different dates of arriving invoices. Trustee Stanonik asked if the utilities had received late charges and Treasurer Reno said no. Trustee Stanonik moved to pay the bills as listed, Trustee Campanella seconded with a roll call vote indicating Trustee Stanonik, Trustee Campanella and Trustee Reno voting AYE and no NYE vote. Motion to pay the bills approved.

Correspondence:

President Stanonik read a letter from Heather Knight, Allstate Insurance complimenting Lieutenant Emanuelson for the work he put into assisting her. Chief Kirschhoffer left a not stating he would put a letter of commendation in LT Emanuelson file when he returned.

Received a letter from Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department thanking Newport for their MABAS response to a disaster box request for the tornado which hit Union Grove.

Old Business:

Lake County Forest Preserve land trade for District property located at Stateline and Crawford roads and LCFP property located at Kilbourn and Wadsworth Roads. Trustee Campanella state concerns of wetlands in the Forest Preserve land and wetland consultants should be contacted for input. Trustee Stanonik said someone from mitigation needs to view the site. Trustee Campanella said he will call and have someone review the site. This review may be held up due to snow.

Meeting with Village of Old Mill Creek – Before this meeting Trustee Stanonik said the District must have everything in line. LT Emanuelson stated he was working on a special program that will figure out response times

from Gurnee Station 2 and Lake Villa Station 3 to the different Village of Old Mill Creek areas and he would also drive these same routes for exact drive times. Trustee Stanonik will line up the meeting when the information is gathered.

Survey of Fire Station:

Trustee Campanella gave Attorney Kelly the new plat of survey. Trustee Campanella asked Attorney Kelly how to handle a land exchange with the Village of Wadsworth regarding the sliver of land east of the station extending into Caroline Ave and beyond. Village would be given parcel 4 in exchange for land to mitigate wetlands and septic system repairs north of our current station. This exchange would require giving the Village 4 feet of Fire District property between parcel 3 and parcel 1. Attorney asked to see the tax bill to see that the Fire District truly owns the parcel 4 or does the Fireman's Association owns this parcel. If the Association owns the sliver the Association would need to deed the parcel to the Fire District. LT Emanuelson looked up the tax record and gave a copy to Attorney Kelly for review. Attorney Kelly asked if we are getting a tax exemption on the 4 ft parcel 4. Fire fighter Kirschhoffer (not Chief) stated we were receiving the exception., Attorney Kelly stated the Village of Wadsworth must deed parcel 4 to Newport and Newport needed to deed the Village 4 feet. Trustee Campanella stated the Village of Wadsworth told him the Fire District would need to pay the Attorney fees because the parcel the District would receive is larger than the parcel the District is giving in exchange. Trustee Campanella asked Attorney Kelly to handle the situation and whatever needs to be done regarding this transaction.

New Business:

Trustee Reno meets with NorStates Bank and Libertyville Bank. We currently have a relationship with NorStates but not Libertyville Bank. Libertyville Bank request 3 years financials for review. NorStates Banks current rates are;

- 1,000,000.00 borrowed for 20 years-4% interest at 73,000.00 per year payment.
- 1,000,000.00 borrowed for 25 years-4% interest at 64,000.00 per year payment
- 1,000,000.00 borrowed for 15 years- 4% interest at 90,000.00 per year payment.

Interest is tentative dependant upon when an agreement is signed, multiply payments by how many million the Figure District which's to borrow. Trustee Reno will also speak with PNC Bank for a quote.

A new fire station cost complete is approximately 1.8 million.

Trustee Campanella said there is no reserve or contingency funds if something went wrong. Trustee Stanonik said we would be cash strapped and bare bones to provide EMS and fire service that we are required to provide. Trustee Stanonik suggested stopping SRT involvement to save on the yearly assessment and other costs. Trustee Reno would like to see the exact costs Newport spends on SRT and stated he didn't think Newport spends that much on special teams and eliminating our assessment wasn't the answer. Trustee Campanella didn't know all the costs and requested Trustee Reno gather all SRT related costs and advise the Board. Trustee Stanonik stated that we really need to look at all the numbers and see if the SRT is necessary. Trustee Stanonik stated that things must change and our most important responsibility is to serve the community as 1st responders at an operations level. Trustee Campanella brought up that Newport is one of the lowest pay scales in the county with dedicated people that need to be paid accordingly. Attorney Kelly stated that the Illinois Tax increase did not help Newport with very little hope of passing a tax referendum.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Trustee Reno moved to adjourn the January 2001 meeting at 8:55 am and seconded by Trustee Campanella. All Trustees voted AYE and no NYE vote. Meeting adjourned

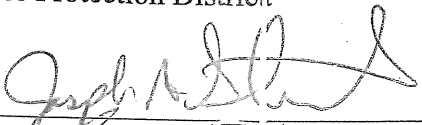
Next regular meeting of the Board: February 15, 2011 at 8:00 am.

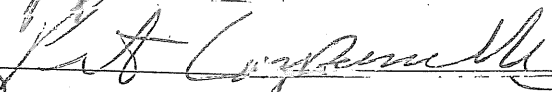
Respectfully submitted,

Joni Edmonds

Taking minutes in Fire Chiefs absence.

Accepting minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting of the
Newport Township Fire Protection District

President Stanonik: 

Trustee Campanella: 

Trustee Reno: 