

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 April 17, 2012

Meeting Called to Order:

- **Board President Stanonik called The April 17, 2012 Board Meeting of the Newport Township Fire Protection District to order at 8:00 am.** The meeting was held at the Newport Township Fire Station and publicly posted.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Recitals of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by President Stanonik

Roll Call:

- Trustee Stanonik, Trustee Campanella and Reno present. A quorum was achieved. Also attending Fire District legal counsel Shawn Flaherty, Fire Chief Kirschhoffer, Deputy Chief Edmonds and Fire Marshal John Brewer.

Public Comment:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

March 20, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes;

- Trustee Campanella moved to table the March 20, 2012 meeting minutes to the May. The minutes required a change in reporting be made. Second by Trustee Reno with all voting AYE and no NAY vote. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

- **April 2012 Treasurer Report Approval;**
The April 2012 Treasurer Report was presented by Treasurer Reno. A motion to approve the Treasurer Report as presented by Trustee Stanonik and second by Trustee Campanella. A roll call vote was called with

Trustee Stanonik AYE, Trustee Campanella AYE, and Trustee Reno AYE. With no NAY vote the motion is approved.

- **Zion/Newport Joint Account Report.**

No PNC Bank report was forwarded by the City of Zion. Board discussion of the necessity of PNC Bank forwarding monthly reports directly to Newport rather than reporting only to Zion. The original Newport/Zion agreement provided for joint access and reporting of this joint account. Attorney Flaherty will investigate this issue and report back to the Board.

Board President informed the Board incoming Trustee John Brewer would require new bank signature cards at Nor States and PNC Bank.

Payment of Bills:

- Trustee Stanonik motioned to pay the April 1, 2012 bills listed in the 4/1/12 to 4/12/12 paid payable listings totaling \$23,512.26. Trustee Reno seconded the motion with a roll call vote indicating Trustee Stanonik AYE, Trustee Campanella AYE and Trustee Reno AYE. With no NAY vote the motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Thank you from Mayor Jensen's family for funeral flowers and Department support.

Thank you letter from Ames Family with a donation to the Fire Department.

Thank you from City of North Chicago for assistance at a recent structure fire on March 18, 2012.

Fire Chief Report:

- Chief attended the pre-construction meeting for the 2012 Wadsworth Road reconstruction. The meeting attendees were informed the Canadian Pacific railroad crossing at Wadsworth Road may be closed for 30 days. Exact dates not known yet.
- Chief Kirschhoffer informed the Board of the probable need for a temporary fire station and additional personnel during the railroad crossing to properly protect the Fire District. Additional discussion followed.

**Appointment of new
Fire District Trustee:**

- Chief Kirschhoffer suggested a budget special meeting in early May.
- Attorney Shawn Flaherty administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Newport Township Fire Protection District Board Trustee John Brewer.

Attorney Report:

- Attorney Flaherty requested the Board sign the final settlement papers finalizing the Cleveland Corporation lawsuit. The settlement check for full payment was received and deposited in Newport Township FPD account. The Board signed necessary documents and Attorney Kelly will return documents.

Old Business:

- Board discussion of the new fire station septic system. Out going Trustee Campanella agreed to remain a consultant to the Board regarding the septic system until the project is complete. Trustee Campanella has been the point of contact on the septic project from the beginning.

New Business:

- The engagement letter for Auditor Eder, Casella was tabled until the May meeting. Chief Kirschhoffer has not received comparable quotes as of this meeting.
- The Board discussed moving the monthly Board meetings to an evening meeting. Night meetings should allow better community involvement. Chief Kirschhoffer will investigate the other Village and Township meeting times and dates to avoid conflicts.
- The Newport Township Fire Protection District Board, Officers and Department Personnel presented Trustee Peter Campanella with an acknowledging award for 42 years as a firefighter and Trustee.

Closed Session:

- Not required

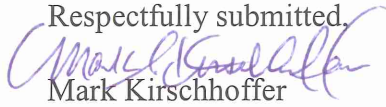
Adjournment:

Trustee Stanonik moved to adjourn the April 17, 2012 meeting 10:45 AM and seconded by Trustee Campanella. Trustee's Stanonik, Campanella and Reno voted AYE and no NAY vote. Meeting adjourned

**Next regular Board of
Trustee meeting:**

May 15, 2012 at 8:00 am at the Newport Township Fire
Protection District Station.

Respectfully submitted,

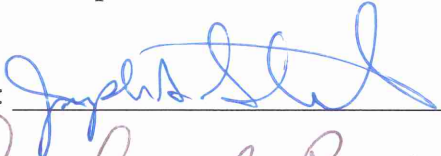


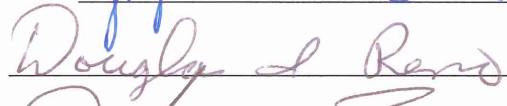
Mark Kirschhoffer

Fire Chief

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**Accepting the April 17, 2012 meeting minutes
Of the Newport Township Fire Protection District**

President Stanonik: 

Trustee Reno: 

Trustee Brewer: 