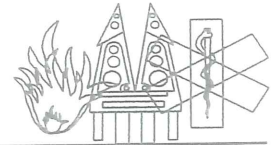


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## Newport Township Fire Protection District

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Mark Kirschhoffer - Fire Chief

Craig Johnson

Joe Stanonik

Doug Reno

Trustees

### Board of Trustees

Newport Township Fire Protection

Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order by Trustee Stanonik at 7:12 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance-already said at the Budget Hearing Meeting
3. Roll Call – Trustee Stanonik, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Reno  
Others in Attendance: Attorney Kelley, DC Edmonds, Toni Edmonds
4. Public Comment – none
5. Correspondence
  - a. Illinois Health and Family Services Rates
    - 1) Trustee Johnson looking for explanation of codes. Attorney Kelley stated that they are in the packet, 3<sup>rd</sup> page at bottom
    - 2) Trustee Stanonik stated that billing is done through Andres Billing Services. Our people just have to make sure they are reporting correctly.
    - 3) People on Medicare can only be billed a small amount. Need to make sure we are checking for supplemental insurance.
6. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Trustee Stanonik moved to approve Board Meeting minutes from July 8, 2015, seconded by Trustee Reno followed by a roll call vote. Trustee Stanonik AYE, Trustee Reno AYE and Trustee Johnson AYE. No NAY vote and motion passed by roll call vote.
7. Treasurers Report
  - a. June 2015 Treasurer Report was tabled until such time they can get a copy of the bank statement for the Zion/Newport Fund
  - b. July 2015 Treasurer Report – see attached – Trustee Stanonik moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Johnson followed by a roll call vote. Trustee Stanonik AYE, Trustee Reno AYE and Trustee Johnson AYE. No NAY vote and motion passed by roll call vote.
8. Payment of Bills  
Trustee Stanonik wanted clarification on:
  - a. NIPSTA – wanted to make sure we weren't paying for something the student (Mark Punzenberger) had already paid for.
  - b. VMO Bills – Trustee Reno said they were just carryovers from before. None for June

- c. Windshield on engine 1458 – Trustee Reno explained that it was strictly an accident, we paid for first windshield. But when the installers were trying to put it in, they cracked it, so they paid for the second windshield.
  - d. Trustee Stanonik moved to pay the August 2015 invoices, seconded by Trustee Reno followed by a roll call vote. Trustee Stanonik AYE, Trustee Reno AYE and Trustee Johnson AYE. No NAY vote and motion passed by roll call vote.
  - e.
9. Fire Chiefs Report
- a. Beach Park Consolidation – Zion’s chief want to know what we want to do.  
Trustee Stanonik is going to recommend we say no. Of all the departments, we are the most solvent, and he is afraid that this would only hurt our financial condition. Attorney Kelley stated that there are a lot of problems to deal with when consolidating – e.g., personnel, money, etc.
  - b. Image Trend is working good.
  - c. Cpt. Porkey’s – Jerry Nellison is working with Trudy Maata to get them in compliance.
  - d. EWL Trucking – County is supposed to red tag this week.
  - e. Violation of Fire Codes – should we start fining?
    - 1) Suggested to go through County in the enforcement
    - 2) Building Codes – we cannot enforce, has to go through County
  - f. Wadsworth BP – working with them. Change of hands again, so they needed to be reminded of the requirements.
10. Attorney’s Report
- a. Discussion held under the Budget Hearing Meeting
  - b. Trustee Stanonik moved to approve Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 15-O-02, seconded by Trustee Johnson followed by a roll call vote. Trustee Stanonik AYE, Trustee Reno AYE and Trustee Johnson AYE. No NAY vote and motion passed by roll call vote.
  - c. Attorney Kelley will file with appropriate entities.
11. Old Business – none
12. New Business
- a. Ambulance Billing Ordinance Increase
    - 1) Residents that have insurance – we bill and write off what isn’t paid by insurance
    - 2) Residents that do not have insurance – we should be billing medicare/medicade if possible – probably won’t get much.
    - 3) Our billing rates are the lowest in the surrounding areas, Beach Park is the highest.
    - 4) We have not raised our rates since 2010
    - 5) Trustee Stanonik stated that everyone should digest this topic, then give feedback to Chief Kirschhoffer, separately. Trustee Stanonik will then get together with Chief Kirschhoffer and go over the results.
    - 6) Attorney Kelley will write ordinance before next meeting, as long as you give him at least a week’s timeframe to do it in.

13. Closed Session – none

14. Adjournment – Trustee Stanonik moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Trustee Reno, all Trustees voted AYE and no NAY vote. Motion passed meeting adjourned


Respectfully Submitted,

Rodger Edmonds

Deputy Chief

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodger Edmonds", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Accepting the August 12, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of the  
Newport Township Fire Protection District.

President Stanonik: 

Trustee Reno: 

Trustee Johnson: 