



Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

**William Natick, President
Richard Fisher, Secretary
Karl Langhammer, Treasurer
James Panopoulos, Trustee
Brian Jordan, Trustee**

CAROL STREAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2023

President William Natick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Present: Trustee James Panopoulos, Trustee Karl Langhammer, and President William Natick, Chief Robert Schultz, Deputy Chief Tom Nash, Deputy Chief Jason Day, Battalion Chief Danny Stelter, and Attorney Joe Miller in person. Trustee Brian Jordan and Trustee Richard Fisher by other means in accordance with Illinois law.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the open meeting minutes from February 6, 2023. Seconded by President Natick, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

President Natick motioned to approve the closed meeting minutes from February 6, 2023, as amended and keep them closed. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Langhammer motion to approve the open meeting minutes from February 16, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Panopoulos, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Travel Expenses

N/A

Approval of Payment of Bills

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the payment of bills for February 13, 2023 in the amount of \$978,982.66. Seconded by Trustee Panopoulos, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Panopoulos motioned to approve the payment of bills for February 27, 2023 in the amount of \$458,456.81. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Panopoulos motion to approve the payment of bills for March 13, 2023 in the amount of \$416,199.99. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report for month ending January 31, 2023.

Trustee Langhammer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2023. Seconded by President Natick, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Union Contract

The Board reviewed the proposed upcoming union contract. Chief Schultz noted that they spent 7 hours going through negotiation with the union – everyone was very professional and he is very please with how the process went and think we are in a good spot. Trustee Panopoulos noted that there needed to be a date change on the last page.

Trustee Jordan motioned to approve the tentative union contact dated June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026 with the noted date change. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, five ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

James Howard entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and reviewed the January 2023 with the Board.

Trustee Richard Fisher left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Replace (2) Entry Doors at Station 28

Chief Schultz is asking for approval to replace the two exterior entry doors and frames at Station 28, one on the east side of the station and one on the west side of the station. The new doors would be aluminum with a composite exterior, the same type of doors used to replace the doors at Station 27. He is recommending moving forward with Chicago Doorways.

Trustee Panopoulos motioned to approve the purchase of (2) exterior doors & frames at Station 28 with Chicago Doorways, not to exceed the purchase price of \$14,218.00. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, four ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Surplus Utility 27

Chief Schultz informed the Board that the new U27 was delivered last week and he is looking for direction on what to do with the existing U27. It is a 2003 Dodge, he would like to surplus and sell. The district could host a silent auction with sealed bids internally or advertise in the Daily Dispatch or utilize a 3rd party broker, as we have done in the past.

The Board would like Chief Schultz to move forward with the surplus of the old U27 and try an internal silent auction starting at \$25,000.00.

Trustee Panopoulos motioned to approve the surplus of U27 (2003 Dodge) and authorize an internal silent auction with a reserve of \$25,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Langhammer, four ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reports of Trustees, Chiefs, and Attorneys

Chief Schultz introduced Deputy Chief Jason Day to the Board, he started March 1, 2023 and will be shadowing Rob and Tom the first month. Everyone is very excited for him to join us. He would like to hold a swearing in for Jason separate from a Board meeting night, the week of the 10th.

Chief Schultz noted that the District will be hosting the employee appreciate picnic again this year on May 13, 2023. More details to follow.

Chief Schultz updated the Board regarding the new tower ladder truck and pre-building meeting for the new engine. The reserve tower ladder is also officially sold, the gentleman that bought it will be on his way tomorrow morning with the tower ladder truck back to his volunteer department in Arkansas.

Deputy Chief Day thanked everyone for the opportunity to come over to Carol Stream, he is really excited to be here and be apart of the leadership team.

Deputy Chief Nash noted that OSHA has been in the area recently, everyone is making sure everything is ready and together incase they stop by. He also stated that he is going to look into a sprinkler ordinance for unincorporated homes that are in the fire district to mirror the village and county. Trustee Panopoulos mentioned that he believes that it should be the homeowner's choice if they want sprinklers in their home. Trustee Jordan said he understands what he is saying, but we also need to protect our guys. Trustee Langhammer would like to look into and research the topic more.

President Natick thanked the chiefs for getting the contract done.

Public Comments

Lieutenant Ben McClarey wanted to thank everyone on behalf of the local, for being professional during contract negotiations, it was a model of what all contract negotiations should look like.

There being no further reports or business to conduct at 7:43 p.m. Trustee Langhammer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Panopoulos, four ayes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

***Note:** The next regular Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Richard Kammes Fire Protection District Station 28, located on Kuhn Road in Carol Stream.*



Richard Fisher, Board Secretary