

LONG GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2025
1165 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, IL 60047

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: *Participants were present or attended by web through Zoom.*

Present: President Kristen Linnenburger
Trustee Jennifer Michaud
Trustee Amber Sheriff

Also Present: Chief Paul Segalla
Deputy Chief Andy Wienckowski
Joe Miller, Ottosen DiNolfo Firm
Anthony Miceli, Speer Financial (via zoom) – left at 4:24 p.m.
Tom Sawyer, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management – left at 4:35 p.m.
Tom Coughlin, Government Accounting Inc. (via zoom) – left at 4:42 p.m.
Amber Nadeau (via zoom) – left at 5:15 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Presentation

There was a presentation by Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial. He shared information regarding the bond referendum and debt capacity. The District's voters approved a \$16,500,000 general obligation bond referendum on April 4, 2023. The District has authority to issue these bonds through April 4, 2028. In July 2023, the District issued \$15,640,000 under this authority. There is \$860,000 of general obligation bonding authority that remains available to the District. Mr. Miceli provided information on other borrowing options available to the District. He advised that targeting the end of 2025 would be a good goal to issue the remaining bonds.

There was a presentation by Tom Sawyer from Sawyer Falduto Asset Management to review how the District's investment accounts performed as of the end of the year. Mr. Sawyer discussed the economic and political outlook and how that might affect the investments going forward. At the end of 2024, the bond account investments had a net profit of over \$1 million.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to approve the regular minutes of the regular meeting from December 16, 2024 as presented. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to approve and not release the closed session minutes of the regular meeting from December 16, 2024. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Financials

President Linnenburger invited Tom Coughlin from GAI to present the monthly financial report. Mr. Coughlin presented the details of the District revenues, expenditures, investments, fund balances, and entertained questions from the Board.

Mr. Coughlin also provided the budget highlights for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. There was 145% of the budgeted revenue collected. There was 85.7% of the budgeted operating expenditures spent. The total ending fund balance (including capital) was \$24,239,734.

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The transfers, payroll and bills were reviewed and included:

- Transfers – \$145,251.00
- Payroll – \$234,520.43
- Bills – \$268,187.49

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to accept and approve the bills, payroll, and transfers as presented. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Reports

President – President Linnenburger attended a few meetings in the past month. There was a meeting regarding the water issue for the new station. Chief Segalla met with a senator to discuss possible legislative solutions.

Secretary – Trustee Michaud attended a meeting regarding the design of the new fire station. She also attended a RED Center meeting.

Treasurer – Trustee Sheriff had nothing to report.

Chief Segalla – Chief Segalla reviewed the calls and training hours completed in December. There was a total of 194 incidents, which included 119 EMS calls and 75 fire and rescue calls. The 2024 total incidents were 1,993, which was an increase of 6% from 2023.

The 2024 Pumper Tanker is at the Pierce factory in Wisconsin for repairs. It should be back by the end of the month.

Ambulance 56 is back from the body work and is in service.

The 2025 ambulance is scheduled to arrive in May. The second ambulance is scheduled to arrive in 2026. Chief Segalla suggested waiting to purchase the second ambulance until 2027 or 2028 to create a more spread out replacement schedule going forward.

The CAFT facility renovations have been completed and the facility is available for use.

The Board of Fire Commissioners recently met and established a new quarterly meeting schedule.

Fire prevention work and inspections continue to go well.

PPOP candidate has completed the first two weeks of Basic Operations Firefighter at the Romeoville Fire Academy.

FF/PM Austin Leggett received certification for Confined Space Technician by the OSFM.

FF/PM Jonathon Fabsits received certification for Advanced Technician Firefighter by the OSFM.

RED Center changed their bylaws, which clarifies the requirements for agencies to withdraw. Deputy Chief Wienckowski worked with the Deputy Director to update all response plans.

There were 209 hours of training completed in December. The total training completed in 2024 was 5,427 hours.

Chief Segalla is continuing to monitor what is happening with the ETSB and LakeComm.

Attorney Report – Mr. Miller said he is looking into legislation that would allow a fire station to connect to the closest utilities. He will submit information through lobbyists and see what happens. President Linnenburger suggested getting some senators to support the legislation.

The NIAFPD conference is at the end of the month.

Old Business

None.

New Business

There was information presented about the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and related equipment from Municipal Emergency Services (MES). MES is the sole source for Scott brand SCBA equipment in the area.

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to approve the purchase of SCBA and related equipment from Municipal Emergency Services for the amount not to exceed \$55,500. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Closed Session

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to enter Closed Session under statute(s): 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting moved to closed session at 5:15 p.m. and included the three Trustees, Attorney Miller, Chief Segalla, and Deputy Chief Wienckowski.

The Board returned to open session at 6:24 p.m. and roll call confirmed all Trustees present.

Adjournment

Motion by President Linnenburger, seconded by Trustee Michaud, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.