

Hampshire Fire Protection District

Board of Trustees

Minutes, May 10, 2023

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at the Hampshire Fire Protection District, 202 Washington St., Hampshire, IL 60140 by Board President, Tim Thompson.

Board Members present: Tim Thompson – Present
Steve Gustafson – Present
Richard Heine – Absent
Brian Pechtold – Present
David Scarpino – Present

Administration: Jody Remakel

Staff Present:

3. Additions or changes to the agenda –

Due to a Hazardous Material call, the Chief, Deputy and EMS Coordinator were not in attendance. The Board moved forward to conduct the meeting with the necessary items.

4. Minutes:

Approval of the April 12th, 2023 Regular meeting minutes – Trustee Gustafson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Scarpino seconded the motion and it was approved by all those present

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Review of the April 2023 warrant list -

The Board reviewed the April warrant list. There were no questions. Trustee Pechtold moved to approve the April 2023 warrant list in the amount of \$190,478.55. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Pechtold	Aye	Rick Heine	Absent
David Scarpino	Aye	Tim Thompson	Aye
Steve Gustafson	Aye		

- b. Discussion and Approval of the April 2023 Financials

Trustee Scarpino moved to approve the April financials. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously by all those present.

Rick Heine	Absent	David Scarpino	Aye
Tim Thompson	Aye	Steve Gustafson	Aye
Brian Pechtold	Aye		

6. Chief's Report

- a. **Disaster Plan** - Tabled
- b. **FF Injury** – Ms. Remakel stated that the FF that had the shoulder injury has been told he will require surgery and then a 2-month recovery period. However, he should then be back to normal and pain free. She stated he was a part-time firefighter with Hampshire and a full-time FF elsewhere. Trustee Pechtold inquired if we were paying his fulltime wages. It was explained that Hampshire's worker's compensation insurance reimburses the employee based on the wages earned at both locations.
- c. **Station 2 update** - Tabled – The Chief later sent a timeline to the Board via email.
- d. **CPR Save Letter** – Tabled
- e. **Township waive classification fees** – Ms. Remakel reported that she did not know what this was, but she assumes the Chief is proposing the district waive the classification fees for the addition that the Township is constructing on their existing building.
- f. **St. John Church memorial clean up** – Ms. Remakel stated she believes this was to advise the Board that a group from St. John's Lutheran church volunteered and came over and helped to do the spring clean-up at the Memorial.
- g. **Big Timber / Ridgecrest traffic light** – Ms. Remakel reported that she believes it is either the School District or the County that has agreed to pay for a portion of the pre-emption light at the intersection of Big Timber and Ridgecrest, and the district will only be required to pay \$500. Trustee Scarpino acknowledged that to be correct and that it was the cost sharing between the 3 entities.
- h. **IAFPD Member form** - Tabled
- i. **Monthly Report** – Tabled, but reports were put in the Board member's inboxes.
- j. **Development update** – The Chief provided a written report on the community development via email to the Board.

7. Deputy Chief's report –

- a. **Monthly training report** – Tabled

8. New Business

- a. **Approval of Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 22/23-09**– Ms. Remakel reviewed the changes to the budget since the previous meeting. Trustee Gustafson moved to approve the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 22/23-09 with total appropriations of \$11,518,729. Trustee Scarpino seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously by all those present.

David Scarpino	Aye	Tim Thompson	Aye
Steve Gustafson	Aye	Rick Heine	Absent
Brian Pechtold	Aye		

At this point in the meeting the Board went into recess at 18:08 to gather the members and family members for that would be receiving their oaths. The Board reconvened at 18:11 and administered the Oath of Office for:

- a) Aaron Gardner
- b) Evan Heckman-Trathen
- c) Connor Sardo

- b. Approval of Decennial Ordinance 22/23-10** – Trustee Scarpino moved to approve the Decennial Ordinance 22/23-10. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.
- c. Approval of Decennial Committee members** -Ms. Remakel stated the Chief had reached out to Ed Saunders and Bill Misner to see if they would be interested in being members of the committee and they were both interested. Trustee Gustafson moved to appoint Ed Saunders and Bill Misner to the Decennial Committee. Trustee Pechtold seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Trustee Gustafson informed the Board that they needed to have a meeting before the 10th of June. Ms. Remakel stated that she was aware of that being the case in the Township, but that she and the Chief had researched this and did not see anything in the Fire District information stating that was the case. The Board settled on a date of June 7th to have their 1st meeting and would leave the time up to the Fire Chief based on the responses he receives from the newly appointed members.
- d. Balloting and approval for Board positions** – The Board was in agreement to keep the positions as they are. Trustee Gustafson moved to approve Tim Thompson as the President, himself as the Treasurer and Brian Pechtold as the President of the Board. Trustee Scarpino seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.
- e. Appointment of Pension Trustee** - Trustee Thompson moved to appoint Steve Gustafson as the Treasurer of the Pension board. Trustee Pechtold seconded the motion and it was approved by Trustees Scarpino, Pechtold and Thompson with Trustee Gustafson abstaining.

Trustee Thompson then moved to appoint Brian Pechtold to the Pension Board. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion and it was approved by Trustees Scarpino, Thompson, and Gustafson with Trustee Pechtold abstaining.

- 9. Correspondence** – Ms. Remakel read the thank you letters from the Larson family and the Einwicks family.
- 10. Public Comment** –There was no public comment.

11. Closed Session – There was no need to a closed session.

12. Board of Trustee Comments – Trustee Gustafson stated they needed to get going with a sign at the new station. That it has been almost a year since the announcement and people are making comments. Ms. Remakel reported that the Chief did get something ordered, it just hasn't been installed yet.

13. Motion to adjourn – Trustee Scarpino moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pechtold seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 18:30.

Secretary