

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Kevin McCurrie at Station #1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Kevin McCurrie led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll, Trustees Kevin McCurrie, Todd Thielmann, Gene Adams, Richard Nogal, and Ed Verdino responded as present.

OTHER PRESENT: Fire Chief Christopher Courtney, Deputy Chief Michael Gabriele, Recording Secretary Dana Fischl, Attorney Thomas Courtney, and fire station personnel are also in attendance. James Howard from Governmental Accounting, Inc., is also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee McCurrie requested a motion to approve April 8, 2025, open session minutes as written. Trustee Nogal made the motion, which Trustee Verdino seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: James Howard presented the Treasurer's Report and did an excellent job of explaining the District's Financial Analysis for the 10 months ending March 31, 2025, and the Summary of Revenue and Expenditures.

Revenue Highlights convey that we are at 92% of the budget year and 99.6% of the total budget.

- Collected \$6,636,227 or 99.1% of the budget (1st and 2nd Major Installment(s) from Cook County).
- Collected \$1,143,064 or 103.9% of the budget in Ambulance Fees.
- Paid \$83,023 GEMT monies back to the state.
- Collected \$29,240 or 65.0% of the budget in Personal Property Replacement Taxes.
- Teason Estate collected \$169,435.
- Collected \$193,556 in interest, or 143.4% of the budget.

Expenditure Highlights convey that we are at 85.6% of the total budget (excluding transfers).

- Operating expenditure is \$7,142,353 or 84.1% of the budget.
- We have made 10 of 12 Health Insurance Payments.
- Paid Personnel is \$4,984,201 or 93.2 % of the budget.
- Debt Service & Capital Expenditures: \$297,522 or 73.5% of the budget.
- Payment for New Ambulance = \$78,507 (3 of 3) 1.34%
- Ambulance Loan = \$10,000 (8 of 10)
- 2024 Expedition + Lights=\$68,712
- Station Alerting = \$65,376
- Dispatch equipment = \$73,649

A brief discussion ensued.

President McCurrie stated that the district had \$407,229.01 in payroll and \$241,708.57 in accounts payable. President McCurrie asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Adams made that motion, and Trustee Thielmann seconded. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

CHIEF REPORT:

- The district is currently processing 3 candidates for full-time employment. Although we have a higher number of candidates on this list, we are still encountering issues completing the hiring process. Competition from other fire agencies, multiple job offers, and cooperation by candidates following through with the process have presented challenges.
- Digicom has completed the station alerting installation and is now in full service. The new system has proven beneficial and is well received by the members of the district.
- The Board attorney represented the district at the Board of Review hearing regarding tax exemption for the property located at 12312 S 81st Avenue and 8101 W 123rd Street. The village of Palos Park attended as well.
- The Board attorney has put in a demand to close on the Teason property. The current buyer has not secured financing and is in default of the contract. Another offer has come in with conditional financing.
- G and L Roofing will start the Station 2 flat roof in the next couple of weeks. It was decided, after the scope review meeting, that it would be more cost-effective to do a re-roof versus the original tear-off and replace. The new price will save the district approximately \$30,000.00 over the original bid. The new roof will come with a 10-year warranty.
- The 2025/2026 Budget Abstract has been published for approval by the Board at the June 2nd meeting. Several unplanned capital expenditures will hit this budget. These projects include portable radios, server/technology upgrades, station 2 kitchen remodel, parking lot projects, and concrete repair work.

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A brief discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review and approve Ordinance No. 2025.001

Ordinance Relating to Non-Emergency Assistance to Residents.

Discussion ensued.

This has been tabled until the next Board meeting to allow Chief Courtney to revise the Ordinance.

b. Possible Board action – Battalion Chief Contract

To be discussed in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to go into a closed session to discuss issues concerning the Battalion Chief contract at 7:51 pm. Trustee Nogal made that motion, and Trustee Adams seconded. By a roll call vote, that motion passed

BACK IN OPEN SESSION at 8:10 pm

The discussion in the closed session concluded that the Battalion Chief contract will be tabled until the next meeting.

Trustee Thielmann will not be in attendance for the June 3rd Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be brought before the Board, President McCurrie asked for a motion to adjourn the open session at 8:11 pm. Trustee Adams made that motion, and Trustee Thielmann seconded. By a roll call vote, that motion passed.

The next regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.

	
	