

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
July 1, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The July 1, 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, Gene Adams, Richard Nogal, Todd Thielmann, and Ed Verdino responded as present.

OTHER PRESENT: Fire Chief Christopher Courtney, Deputy Chief Michael Gabriele, Attorney Thomas Courtney, Recording Secretary Dana Fischl, family and friends of new members, and fire station personnel are also in attendance. Bradley O'Sullivan from Governmental Accounting, Inc., is also in attendance via Zoom.

Trustee McCurrie announced that we have three new members who will be sworn in and will take the oath of Office for firefighters as required by the State of Illinois. FF/PM Joseph Urso, FF/EMT Jack Kucera, and FF/PM Daniel Bornstein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee McCurrie requested a motion to approve the June 3, 2025, open session minutes as written. Trustee Adams made the motion, which Trustee Verdino seconded, and Trustee Thielmann abstained. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

Trustee McCurrie requested a motion to approve the June 3, 2025, closed session minutes as written. Trustee Nogal made the motion, which Trustee Verdino seconded, and Trustee Thielmann abstained. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Bradley O'Sullivan presented the Treasurer's Report and did an excellent job of explaining the District's Financial Analysis for the 10 months ending May 31, 2025, and the Summary of Revenue and Expenditures.

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Revenue Highlights convey that we are 8% of the budget year and 1.8% of the total budget.

- Collected \$0 or 0% of the budget (No Major Installment(s) from Cook County).
- Collected \$101,736 or 8.9% of the budget in Ambulance Fees.
- Collected \$6,594 or 16.5% of the budget in Personal Property Replacement Taxes.
- Teason Estate collected \$0.
- Collected \$47,643 in interest, or 28.9% of the budget.

Expenditure Highlights convey that we are at 7.2% of the total budget (excluding transfers).

- Operating expenditure is \$618,228 or 7.0% of the budget.
- We have made 1 of 12 Health Insurance Payments.
- Paid Personnel is \$392,395 or 7.2 % of the budget.
- Debt Service & Capital Expenditures: \$0 or 0% of the budget.

A brief discussion ensued.

President McCurrie stated that the district had \$426,332.61 in payroll and \$244,181.01 in accounts payable. President McCurrie asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Trustee Adams made that motion, and Trustee Nogal seconded. The motion was carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Trustee McCurrie also announced that he will be moving out of the district and will likely resign, possibly after the September meeting. The board will need to be reorganized.

Trustee McCurrie gifted the board and extended his thanks for 29 years.

CHIEF REPORT:

- On June 4, IDOT and VOPP closed 123rd Street at the 9300 Block. This will cause delays in service to residents who live east of 93rd Ave. We are working with Orland Central to address responses in the CAD. Residents who currently live in the Station 1 response area east of 93rd may receive quicker responses from Station 2 companies. Delays should be expected for Station 1 and Station 2 response areas as no acceptable detour exists. Southwest Highway, between 131st and 135th, will be closing shortly. We have not received a start date.
- We have had several shows with interest in the Teason property. Offers have been stalled with the Village of Palos Park Building Code. The current code provides for a home that can only be 33'x148'. To be considered for a variance that potential homeowner will have to submit a site plan and drawings, which is a considerable cost if they are denied approval.

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- A sewer line leak was discovered in the records room, causing damage to the carpet and ceiling tiles. DiFoggio Plumbing was called out for emergency repairs. They discovered a 3' copper drain line that was corroded from being encased in concrete. While repairing the pipe, several other leaks developed and clogged pipes, causing additional flooding in the day room. After 7 days of demo and removing concrete, they feel confident that they were able to repair the known problems. Stanley Steemer has been called to clean the carpets, which are due for replacement.
- Representative Sean Casten reached out to the Chief regarding a station tour and discussed challenges that the firefighters and the district face. He is scheduled to be at Station 1 on August 14 at 11:30 am
- May 19th, EMS week started, and the 50th anniversary of our resource hospital, Silver Cross. They hosted food trucks and ice cream trucks for the paramedics at the emergency room entrance as a thank you to all paramedics in their region.
- We have reached a critical level with portable radios. An AFG Grant was submitted for the replacement, but funding is still not available at this time. We are currently demoing and pricing out new radios for the best value. The expected cost will be in the range of \$7,000.00 to \$9,500.00 per radio.

A brief discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion and possible approval of New Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Brief discussion ensued.

Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to change the Board of Trustees meetings from the first Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month going forward. Trustee Thielmann made that motion, and Trustee Verdino seconded. On a roll call vote, that motion passed.

b. Approve BPAS Agreement for 115 Trust

Brief discussion ensued.

Trustee McCurrie asked for a motion to approve the switch from TASC to BPAS to manage the district's 115 Trust as described by Chief Courtney. Trustee Verdino made that motion, and Trustee Adams seconded. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be brought before the Board, President McCurrie asked for a motion to adjourn the open session at 7:34 pm. Trustee Nogal made that motion, and Trustee Thielmann seconded. On a roll call vote, that motion passed.

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The next regular meeting of the Palos Fire Protection Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

 Eric McCune	 [illegible]
 Richard J. Nogal	 Gene Adams
 Todd [illegible]	