

**MINUTES OF THE WAUKEGAN-WARREN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**GURNEE FIRE STATION #2**  
Wednesday, May 17, 2006

President John Badtke called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District to order at 7:39 p.m.

Trustees Present: John Badtke, Phillip DeRuntz, Marty Klauber

Other Officials Present: Linda E. Spring, Attorney

Others Present: Angela Moreno, Recording Secretary  
Alain H. Oller, Grandwood Park Park District  
Bob Ells, Resident  
Fred Friedl, Gurnee Fire Chief  
Tom Keefe, Gurnee Fire Department

**\*THESE MINUTES ARE NOT A VERBATIM ACCOUNT, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**Election of Officers:**

President Badtke made a motion to elect officers as follows:

President, John Badtke  
Secretary, Martin Klauber  
Treasurer, Phil DeRuntz

Trustee Klauber seconded the motion.

AYES: Badtke, DeRuntz, Klauber                      NAYS: None                      Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes:**

Trustee Klauber made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2006 regular meeting.  
Trustee DeRuntz seconded the motion.

AYES: Badtke, DeRuntz, Klauber                      NAYS: None                      Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**President's Report:** President Badtke reported that he is proud to have a balanced budget for the next fiscal year. He stated that he asked Chief Friedl to coordinate a meeting with the Village and/or to invite Village Trustees to attend a regularly scheduled Fire District Meeting. He also stated that he asked Chief Friedl to think about what the District can purchase for the Fire Department, stating that he would like to use excess funds to aid in fire and ambulance service. Trustee DeRuntz cautioned using the word "excess" because the District's money is not in great excess due to multiple annexations and the District's need to build a reserve fund.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer DeRuntz supplied the Board and the public with copies of his reports dated April 2006 and May 17, 2006. He noted that there is a new line item titled "Permit Fees".

The Treasurer's report of April 2006 reflected the following: the account with Illinois Funds reflected deposits in the amount of \$695.72 for interest income; \$22,585.69 from Superior Collection and \$1,483.22 from PPRT. The account at Northside Community Bank reflected deposits in the amount of \$1,232.50 in interest income; \$56.25 in Permit Fees; and \$200,000 from Transfers. Total expenditures were \$527,176.51 in approved payments, giving an ending balance of \$176,424.00.

Trustee DeRuntz listed proposed expenditures in the amount of \$5,663.92, which included the following: payment to Swanson, Martin & Bell in the amount of \$924.00; payment to Tim Spyridon in the amount of \$250.00; payment to Brandl Communications in the amount of \$1,140.00; and payment to Judy's Letter Service in the amount of \$3,349.92.

The Treasurer's report dated May 17, 2006 reflected the following: the account with Illinois Funds reflected deposits in the amount of \$496.63 for interest income; \$18,798.63 from Superior Collection and \$6,694.73 from PPRT. The account at Northside Community Bank reflected deposits in the amount of \$154.28 in interest income; and \$1,135.00 in Permit Fees. Total expenditures were \$1,340.25 in approved payments, giving an ending balance of \$202,363.02.

Trustee DeRuntz listed proposed expenditures in the amount of \$529,344.75, which included the following: payment to Swanson, Martin & Bell in the amount of \$924.00; a second payment to Swanson, Martin & Bell in the amount of \$1,052.00; payment to Eder, Casella in the amount of \$50.00; payment to Tim Spyridon in the amount of \$250.00; payment to Phil DeRuntz (for administrative expenses) in the amount of \$166.38; payment to Brandl Communications in the amount of \$1,140.00; payment to Judy's Letter Service in the amount of \$3,349.92; and payment to the Village of Gurnee in the amount of \$522,412.45

Trustee DeRuntz noted that even though the ending balance reflected on the statement is lower than the proposed expenditures, he is awaiting a check from Lake County for property taxes that will cover the amount due. He recommended payment of all of the proposed expenditures.

Trustee Klauber made a motion to pay the proposed expenditures and approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Badtke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Badtke, DeRuntz, Klauber                      NAYS: None.                      Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** None.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Friedl provided the District with an update of the proposed Great Lakes Regional Disaster Training Facility. The proposed facility would be operated and supported by a private non-profit foundation that would lease County property on Russell Road (where Lake County's firing range is currently located). The facility would provide fire, police

and public works training and would be the Nation's first regional training facility of this kind. Chief Friedl urged the District to support this project and stated that the Lake County Law & Judicial Committee would be voting to direct County staff to move forward on this project on June 5, 2006. President Badtke requested that Ms. Moreno draft a letter of support to the Lake County Board Members and copy Chief Friedl and Lake County Administrator Barry Burton.

**Attorney's Report:** None.

### **Old Business**

**Review current newsletter:** It was noted that the map of the Fire District included in the newsletter is inaccurate, and Ms. Spring is working to have that corrected. The current newsletter includes information regarding burning regulations and the importance of calling 911 versus trying to get yourself to a hospital. Trustee DeRuntz suggested that the next newsletter include acknowledgement of local companies that have aided displaced families.

**Approval of 2006-2007 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance:** The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was previously discussed during the Public Hearing prior to this meeting.

Trustee Klauber made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Trustee DeRuntz seconded the motion.

AYES: Badtke, DeRuntz, Klauber                      NAYS: None.                      Motion carried.

**Superior Ambulance Billing Collections/write-offs:** None.

**Statutory Annexation Reimbursements:** Ms. Spring stated that the District has received a reimbursement from the Village of Gurnee, but not yet from the City of Waukegan. This includes a portion of the taxes that the District would've collected the year of the annexation. What the Board needs to decide is whether it is worth it to file suit to get that money back or to let it go. This is still an ongoing project.

### **New Business**

**Ambulance Billing Complaints:** None.

**Annexations:** The Board did receive a Notice of Annexation, which was forwarded to Ms. Spring for review.

**Mapping Issues:** This was previously discussed and will be addressed.

**Public Comment:** Al Oller addressed the Board and supported President Badtke's idea to hire an Administrator for the Fire District. He stated that he believes it is a valuable and sound suggestion, and he hopes the idea will be revisited during next year's budget cycle.

It was asked by the public whether yard waste could be burned in a bin on personal property, and Tom Keefe, Gurnee Fire Department, clarified that when the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District adopted the Village of Gurnee's fire code, this became illegal. Al Oller inquired as to how the Grandwood Park Park District can get rid of its brush now that it cannot be burned, a concern echoed by President Badtke. President Badtke asked whether the Park District could apply for a bonfire permit for these purposes, and it was explained that a bonfire is designed to burn clean wood, not yard waste and brush which burns very dirty and creates a lot of smoke and pollution. Mr. Keefe stated that Warren Township may be able to assist the Park District in removing the yard waste and brush.

President Badtke stated that he was not aware that when the District adopted the Village of Gurnee's Fire and Sprinkler Code that it made brush/brush burning illegal. He stated that he is upset that it was not made clear that this was a part of that code, and that this is a sensitive issue that should've been more closely examined. President Badtke then made a motion to allow yard waste burning within the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District, as it was previously allowed prior to the adoption of the Fire and Sprinkler Code. No second was made. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee DeRuntz stated that he was aware that the yard waste burning issue was a part of the code that was adopted by the Board, and he supports it. He stated that he did not feel that this part of the code was snuck by the Trustees in any way, and reminded the Board that copies of the code were provided to the Trustees for review prior to voting on the issue. Mr. Keefe noted that this is not part of a local ordinance, but rather the 2003 International Fire Code, which is being adopted by the majority of local communities.

**Closed Session:** None.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District will be July 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Spring reviewed the agenda items with the Trustees.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Klauber made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Trustee DeRuntz seconded the motion.

AYES: Badtke, DeRuntz, Klauber

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

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Secretary of WWFPD

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Date Minutes approved.

