

**PALOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Palos Fire Protection District was called to order on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. by President James Staszczuk at Station #1, 8815 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois.

ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll, the following Commissioners responded as present: Commissioners James Staszczuk, Commissioner Tom Crowhurst and Commissioner Robert Stevens.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Mike McDonald

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Stevens made a Motion to Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting and Commissioner Crowhurst seconded. By call of the roll, the Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chief McDonald explained that the District is moving forward with the contract negotiations. He stated that there are two issues that are not agreed upon. One issue is the variance agreement. Mr. McCurrie is concerned that the variance agreement only lasts until the end of the contract. Chief McDonald explained that we are asking instead of a minimum manning of ten we would like a minimum manning of nine. The District would like to keep the minimum manning of nine consistent and stay at nine. Chief spoke to the Union President and he feels that as long as we purchased the Quint and things ran smoothly with no safety concerns, the Union would have no problem with minimum manning of nine. Trustee McCurrie was not comfortable with that and we are arm wrestling with that issue right now. Chief stated that this issue was a lawyer thing. The lawyers came up with a clause and Chief stated that he thinks that it will be amicable. Chief stated that if that takes place, the District will be hiring new people. Mike Gabrielle is still holding the position of temporary Captain and all are agreeable.

Commissioner Staszczuk brought up the subject of releasing past years' closed session minutes. There were two that Chief found. Commissioner Staszczuk spoke about one he knew about and he made a Motion to keep the Executive Minutes closed to the Public. Commissioner Stevens seconded. By call of the roll, the Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, Commissioner Staszczuk made a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Commissioner Stevens seconded. By call of the roll, the Motion passed.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
