



Mokena Fire Protection District

MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES' MEETING November 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at Mokena Fire Station #1 at 6:00 PM.

Emergency 9-1-1

Administrative Offices
19853 S. Wolf Road
Mokena, IL 60448
Adm. (708) 479-5371
Fax (708) 479-2970

Fire Station #1
19853 S. Wolf Road
Mokena, IL 60448
(708)479-3781

Fire Station #2
10000 W. 191st Street
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3782

Fire Station #3
10855 W. 183rd Street
Orland Park, IL
60467
(708) 479-3785

www.mokenafire.org

Established 1883
Organized 1917



Present: Treasurer Ken Blank, Secretary Robert Hennessy, Trustee Dennis Burkhardt, Chief Howard Stephens, Assistant Chief/Deputy Administrator Joe Cirelli, Assistant Chief Rick Campbell, Recording Secretary Nancy Feigel
Absent: President William Haas
Visitor: Attorney John Motylinski, Friends and Families for Promotional Ceremony

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to appoint Craig Warning as President Pro-Tem. Motion passed with all ayes.

PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

A promotional and annual awards ceremony was held. Awards were presented for fire department years of service and IDPH years of service as a paramedic.

The following promotions took place:

Engineer/Paramedic to Lieutenant/Paramedic

- Erik Kobialko
- Mark Rojek
- John Swanson

Firefighter/Paramedic to Engineer/Paramedic

- Scott Bukowski
- Todd Conwell
- Mike Hullinger

The following were recognized for their retirements in 2021

- Fire Chief Howard Stephens
- Lieutenant Tom Hug
- Lieutenant Mike Kavanagh

A break was taken for refreshments and the meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

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Mokena, Homer Glen, Orland Park, Frankfort*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021, Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$155,881.77 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees thanked Chief Stephens for all his years of service to the Mokena Fire Protection District. They have enjoyed working with him and appreciate everything he has done for the district. They wished him continued health and happiness on his retirement.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

The review and approval of the tax levy is an agenda item later in the meeting.

The review of the closed session minutes will be in December.

REVIEW AND APPROVE TAX LEVY

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve Ordinance 2021-2, *an ordinance for the levying and assessing of taxes for the Mokena Fire Protection District in the Counties of Will and Cook and State of Illinois for 2021*. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEE TRAINING

Attorney John Motylinski reviewed the MFPD sexual harassment policy with the Trustees.

All the Trustees acknowledged their understanding and agreement of the MFPD sexual harassment policy.

Attorney John Motylinski left the meeting at this time.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Ambulance 91 (Freightliner) out of Station 1 had the front steering components repaired by Trans Chicago and is now back in service.

The Board agreed to drop the price on the 2009 HME/Alexis engine to \$150,000.00

Truck 92 (Pierce) out of Station 2 went to MacQueen Emergency to finish the aerial ladder repair which included replacing all the wear pads on the aerial ladder. They also repaired the deficiencies found by Underwriters Laboratories. The truck is now back in service.

Thank you to Engineer Hullinger for repairing the bay heaters at Station 2.

The November training calendar was reviewed by the Board.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

We are exploring options for personnel and station alerting to relieve some of the radio traffic on the main dispatch frequency.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighter Grant has been published. We are reviewing the notice and will work with the grant writer to apply for another grant.

The Village of Mokena honored Chief Stephens at their November 8th Board meeting.

The Trustees reviewed the October code enforcement reports and the community risk reduction surveys. Fire prevention activities are underway at the schools. We are happy to be back in schools and interactive with the children. Thank you to the shift personnel for their assistance.

The annual Mokena Chamber of Commerce's annual Parade of Lights will be held on November 20 on Front Street.

This is Chief Stephens's last meeting as Fire Chief/Administrator; his last day is November 30. An open house will be held on November 30 from 11:00 – 4:00 to honor his 30 years of service to the Mokena community.

A/C Cirelli and A/C Campbell expressed their appreciation to Chief Stephens for his leadership, guidance and patience.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The FY2021 ambulance billing data was reviewed.

LARAWAY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dennis Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Robert Hennessy, to:

- appoint A/C Cirelli as the alternate representative for Laraway Communications Center. Bill Haas will remain the primary representative.
- appoint A/C Campbell as the primary representative of operations for the Laraway Communications Center and A/C Cirelli as the alternate. Motion passed with all ayes.

Motion passed with all ayes.

DESIGNATION OF PSEBA HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

The District needs to designate a health plan for an employee who may fall under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA). PSEBA benefits applies to an employer who employs a full-time law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officer, or firefighter, who, on or after the effective date of this Act suffers a catastrophic injury or is killed in the line of duty, shall pay the entire premium of the employer's health insurance plan for the injured employee, the injured employee's spouse, and for each dependent child of the injured employee until the child reaches the age of majority or until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 25 if the child continues to be dependent for support or the child is a full-time or part-time student and is dependent for support. The term "health insurance plan" does not include supplemental benefits that are not part of the basic group health insurance plan. If the injured employee subsequently dies, the employer shall continue to pay the entire health insurance premium for the surviving spouse until remarried and for the dependent children under the conditions established above.

Ken Blank made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to accept the Mokena Fire Protection District's PPO Blue Cross/Blue Shield health plan for the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Dennis Burkhardt, to enter Closed Session at 7:40 PM to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed with all ayes.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:45 PM.

ACTION UPON CLOSED SESSION IF REQUIRED

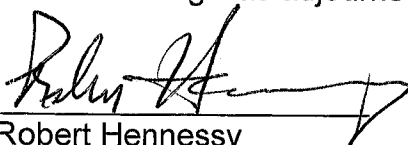
None

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 21-02 HONORING CHIEF HOWARD STEPHENS

Robert Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Ken Blank, to approve Resolution No. 21-02, *a resolution of the Mokena Fire Protection District honoring Howard Stephens*. Motion passed with all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.


Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Nancy Feigel