

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
MAY 17, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Station #1, 22222 N Pepper Rd., Lake Barrington, Illinois.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1) CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER** –Trustee Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, upon roll call the following answered:

Present Trustees: Hanson, Long, Hill, Hower, Struck

Absent Trustees: None

**1A) ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Trustee Struck moved to approve and nominate Trustee Hanson as President, Trustee Long as Vice President, Trustee Hower as Treasurer and Trustee Hill as Secretary. Second by Trustee Long. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck

Nays: None

**1B) SERVICE AWARDS-** Chief Kreher and Trustee Hanson presented a five year service award to Mike Delillo, Rob Martel and Trustee Hanson. Chief Kreher acknowledge Jeff Tress with a 20 year service award. Chief Kreher presented Trustee Long a 25 year service award. Chief Kreher introduced Angela Grandgeorge who was promoted to Battalion Chief and sworn in by Trustee Hanson. Chief Kreher introduced Justin Kenyon and Zach Major who were promoted to captain and sworn in by Trustee Hower. Chief Kreher introduced Tim Buhler Jessica Potoczky and Tim Christenberry who were promoted to lieutenant and sworn in by Trustee Hill. Chief Kreher introduced Leah Berrisford, Benjamin Calamari, Alaina Putman, Santo Rude, and John Thalman who passed their probationary period and were sworn in by Trustee Struck and presented them with their Challenge Coin.

The Meeting was suspended at 6:50pm and resumed at 7:05 pm.

**2) CORRESPONDENCE**

**2A) CORRESPONDENCE** – The District received several thank you cards which were included in the Chief's monthly report.

**2B) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-** Trustee Hill gave an updated on current House and Senate bills.

**3) MINUTES**

**3A) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2021.**

Trustee Hill moved to approve the April 7, 2021 special meeting minutes, second by Trustee Struck and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck

Nays: None

**3B) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, 2021.** Trustee Long moved to approve and keep closed the April 7, 2021 executive meeting minutes, second by Trustee Hill and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

**3C) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2021.** Trustee Hill moved to approve the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes, second by Trustee Struck and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

**3D) REPORT FROM RECORDING SECRETARY-** Nothing to report.

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT** –John Schaller, Lake Barrington, thanked the District for their service and congratulated everyone on the service awards and promotions.

**5) ATTORNEY REPORT** – A written report was provided stating the preliminary tax computation from Cook County has been reviewed, approved and sent back.

**6) FINANCIAL REPORT**

**6A) PURCHASE REQUISITIONS FROM 4/20/21-05/17/2021** – Trustee Hower moved to approve the purchase requisitions from 4/20/2021-05/17/2021 for \$189,000 which included \$12,000 for the strategic plan. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

**6B) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER:** Trustee Hower moved to approve the Treasurers Report for May with total receipts of \$295,726.81, with disbursements of \$563,663.78, leaving a negative balance of \$267,936.97. Payments included scheduled ACH for \$18,765.44 and \$5887.60 coming out of the utility account. The total amount spent on Station 3 excluding the cost of the property is \$209,459.71. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

John Haniotes, Barrington Bank will provide the maintenance fee breakdowns.

**6C) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER -** Trustee Hower moved to transfer \$300,000 from the money market account to the checking account and \$40,000 from the ambulance account to the Money Market account and \$5887.60 from the Money Market account to the utility account and \$114.72 from the checking account to petty cash. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

At the end of the Fiscal year the District has seen 6.9 million in revenue, 6.7 million in expenses, and 1.5 million in capital expenditures for a net negative of 1.3 million. The Audit will be done in the next month.

**7A) PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT** –A written report was provided.

**8) REPORT BY CHIEF AND ASST. CHIEFS** –A written report was provided, stating the ground breaking for the new station is next week. The Trustees discussed the ground breaking of the new station.

**9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10A) DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN.**

The Trustees discussed the updates strategic plan and having Mr. Oberwise attending another meeting in November for status. The Trustees requested a strategic plan update at each meeting. Chief Kreher will talk with PSI in regards to attending future meetings. Trustee Struck moved to approve the 2021-2026 Strategic plan. Trustee Hower second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck

Nays: None

**10B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR 2021-2022 ON JULY 19, 2021 AT 6:30PM** Mr. Curran

suggested setting the date for July 19, a draft will be posted and available for inspection. Trustee Hill moved to approve resolution 2021-3 to set the date of July 19, for the public hearing on the combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for 2021-2022. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck

Nays: None

**10C) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

Chief Kreher explained the mutual aid agreement with Hanover Township, which supports the Fire Department with trained volunteers to help with various services. Trustee Hill moved to approve resolution 2021-4 approving and authorizing the mutual aid agreement between Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District and the Hanover Township Emergency Services Department. Trustee Struck second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck

Nays: None

**10D) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF OBTAINING A LOAN FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION.**

Trustee Hower provided handouts which included rates, loan options, and terms from various banks. Trustee Hower recommended Wintrust for 3.7 million at a rate of 1.7 for 7 years. Trustee Hill moved to approve moving forward with Wintrust for a 7 year term at 3.5 million. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck

Nays: None

**10E) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A NEW FIRE ENGINE.**

This engine is in the 10 year plan and the committee has designed the new fire engine. The engine by Pierce will take 14 months from time of order, it will be a rescue engine which will hold 1000 gallons of water and 30 gallons of foam. Trustee Hill moved to approve the purchase of the engine subject to a contract. Trustee Hower second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

**10E) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF PEPPER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO AWARD PRIME TRADE AGREEMENTS FOR THE NEW BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE STATION #39 AND OVERALL PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN THE PEPPER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION DATED MAY 10, 2021.** Rich Curran reviewed the document. Pepper Construction opened all the bids at the station and then interviewed everyone to make sure the scope of work matched the bid. \$5,333,291.00 is the maximum price. Trustee Long moved to approve the recommendation of Pepper Construction Company to Award Prime Trade Agreements for Fire Station #39 and the project cost breakdown. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

The Trustees suggested talking with Pepper Construction in regard to remodeling the Kitchen that is currently on hold.

**11) EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Trustee Hill moved to recess to closed session at 8:01 pm for the purposes of personnel. Second by Trustee Struck. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill, Struck  
Nays: None

**12) ADJOURNMENT** – Upon the motion by Trustee Long second by Trustee Struck and approved unanimously by a voice call of all Trustees present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hill", is written over the printed name of the Secretary.

Trustee Hill  
Secretary