

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) was held on Monday, February 21, 2022 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, Hower

Absent Trustees: Hill, Murray

Trustee Long moved to allow Trustee Hill to attend the meeting electronically. Second by Trustee Hower. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hower, Hanson,

Nays: None

Trustee Hill is now present via video conference.

**10C) ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Trustee Hower 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

Nays: None

**2) CORRESPONDENCE**

**2A) CORRESPONDENCE** – The District received several thank you letters and phone calls from residents.

**2B) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-** Nothing to report. Trustee Hill thanked the Red Shift for helping him and wanted to recognize them for their efforts.

**3) MINUTES**

**3A) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 20, 2021.**

Trustee Long moved to approve the December 20, 2021 meeting minutes, second by Trustee Hower and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long,

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hill

**3B) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2022.**

Trustee Long moved to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes, second by Trustee Hower and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long,

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hill

**3C) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 20, 2021.** Trustee Long moved to approve and keep closed the December 20, 2021, executive meeting minutes, second by Trustee Hower and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hill

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

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT** – John Schaller, Lake Barrington, thanked the District for their service and stated he will be participating in the upcoming blood drive.

**5) ATTORNEY REPORT** – A written report was provided, due to the appointment of a new Trustee the District is required to elect new officers. Economic interest statements are due May 1, 2022.

**6) FINANCIAL REPORT**

**6A) PURCHASE REQUISITIONS FROM 1/24/22-2/21/2022** – Trustee Hower moved to approve the purchase requisitions from 1/24/2022-2/21/2022 for \$29,931.34. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**6B) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER:** Trustee Hower moved to approve the February Treasurers Report, with receipts of \$709,533.29, disbursements of \$1,117,657.25, leaving a negative balance of \$408,123.96. ACH Payments scheduled for \$1,071,413.63 and \$8,987.49 coming out of the utility account. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**6C) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER** - Trustee Hower moved to transfer \$1,085,000.00 from the Money Market account to the checking account, \$54,000 from the ambulance account to the Money Market account, \$9,127.65 from the Money Market account to the Utility account. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

The cost of Station 3 to date is \$4,648,163.10. The District will receive the keys to Station 3 next week, furniture arrives March 7, appliances are being installed today, and landscaping will be completed in the spring. There have been several delays and change orders that have increase the original cost to Station 3. This station will be operational in late March. The Trustees would like to be included in the crews orientation to the building.

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

**8) REPORT BY CHIEF AND ASST. CHIEFS** – Mike Desilvestro, PSI, stated they are hiring and recruiting 1 person, which puts the District down 1 position. PSI, Chief, Trustee Hower and Trustee Long have met with all the crews, meetings with the Deputy Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs are in the planning stages. Meetings and discussions have continued to enhance the part time

program. Chief Kreher and Trustee Hanson met with Harper College regarding the program they have in place and they are eager to help.

**9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9A) KITCHEN REMODEL STATION #38-**Pepper Construction's kitchen remodel proposal was \$300,000. Staff does not recommend spending that amount of money. Staff recommends replacing the cabinets which would cost under \$60,000 and fix the walls where the pipes are freezing. Staff will look into replacing the cabinets.

**9B) NEW AMBULANCE-**Staff has been looking into a new ambulance, it has to be ordered now because delivery is taking a year and a half. Payment is due on delivery and the cost for a new ambulance is approximately \$300,000.

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 410K PLAN-**

Chief Kreher provided two different percentage suggestions. Chief Kreher suggested going with 7%, the Trustees discussed the percentages. Chief Kreher stated the difference will be between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Trustee Hanson moved to approve the increase in contributions to the 401K plan to 6% Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**10B) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.** This ordinance will change the ambulance fees to correspond with GMET for the cost of an ambulance calls. The District user charge would be \$4132.00. This will be for all calls, residents will only be charged what the insurance pays. 80% of the calls are residents and 20% are non-residents and only Medicaid gets paid back to the state. Trustee Long moved to approve ordinance 2022-1. Trustee Hower second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**11) EXECUTIVE SESSION-** none

**12) ADJOURNMENT** – Upon the motion by Trustee Hower second by Trustee Long and approved unanimously by a voice call of all Trustees present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm

Respectfully submitted



Trustee Hill  
Secretary