

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
APRIL 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) was held on Monday, April 18, 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, Hill

Absent Trustees: Murray

**2) CORRESPONDENCE**

**2A) CORRESPONDENCE** – The District received several thank you letters and letters concerning the landscaping at the new firehouse which is being addressed.

**2B) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-** Trustee Hill stated the legislation is not in session. Trustee Hill will need proxies for the conference in June.

**3) MINUTES**

**3A) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2022.**

Trustee Long moved to approve the March 21, 2022 meeting minutes, second by Trustee Hill and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**3B) REPORT FROM RECORDING SECRETARY-** Nothing to Report

**4) PUBLIC COMMENT** – John Schaller, Lake Barrington, thanked the District for their service and stated he enjoyed the dedication for the new fire house.

**5) ATTORNEY REPORT** – A written report was provided, stating the statements of economic interest are due May 1, 2022. The Lake and McHenry extension reports have been reviewed, approved and sent to the County Clerks. At the May meeting, the District will be setting the budget and appropriation ordinance and electing officers.

**6) FINANCIAL REPORT**

**6A) PURCHASE REQUISITIONS FROM 3/21/22-4/18/2022** – no purchase requisitions.

**6B) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER:** Trustee Hower moved to approve the April Treasurers Report, with receipts of \$165,444.70, disbursements of \$925,190.68, leaving a negative balance of \$759,745.98. ACH payments are scheduled for \$797,745.72 and \$8,995.82 will be 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

\$830,000 from the money market account to the checking account, \$77,000 from the ambulance account to the money market account, \$8,673.24 from the money market account to the utility account and \$368.74 from the checking account to petty cash . Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**7A) PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT** –A written report was provided, stating a draft article on the station dedication was sent to the Trustees.

**8) REPORT BY CHIEF AND ASST. CHIEFS** – A written report was provided. Chief Kreher stated the Chamber Town Hall meeting is Wednesday, the McHenry County Trustee meeting is Monday and the Chamber is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new station on May 18. The new station open house will be on May 21, from 10-2, remote parking and shuttle will be provided. Mike De Silvestro, PSI, gave an overview of the apprentice program, currently there are two participants. It will take these participants approximately 5 years to become a full fledge Firefighter.

**9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**10) NEW BUSINESS**

**10A) BI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES.** To be reviewed in closed session

**10B) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE AGREEMENT FOR 1004 S. HOUGH.** – Chief stated landscaping cost for Station 3 is \$8200 for eight months. Last year it cost over \$40,000 for grass cutting and snow plowing. Chief Kreher recommends that the District purchase 2 lawn mowers so that staff can do the mowing, saving \$20,000 per year. Chief Kreher will look into lowering the cost of snow removal.

**10C) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERSONNEL** – Chief Kreher stated that during the Strategic Planning process they have worked with PSI, in regards to turnover, wages and benefits. Further discussion in closed session.

**10D) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW AMBULANCE** – Chief Kreher stated the Proposal from Foster Coach Sales is \$378,064.00 with delivery in 12-15 months. Trustee Long moved to approve the proposal for the new ambulance. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill

Nays: None

**11) EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Trustee Hill moved to recess to closed session at 6:52 pm for the purposes of personnel compensation Issues and executive session meeting minute review. Second by Trustee Long. Upon roll call the following answered:

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

Nays: None

The regular session resumed at 8:00pm. In attendance Trustees: Hill, Long, Hanson, Hower

Trustee Hower moved to keep closed the executive session meeting minutes for August 16, May 17, and December 20, 2021. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered  
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill  
Nays: None

Trustee Long moved to increase the salary compensation \$10,000 for each member and to set a new starting salary of \$70,000 effective April 27, 2022. Trustee Hower second. Upon roll call the following answered  
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hower, Long, Hill  
Nays: None

**12) ADJOURNMENT** – Upon the motion by Trustee Hill second by Trustee Long and approved unanimously by a voice call of all Trustees present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hill", written in a cursive style.

Trustee Hill  
Secretary