

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) was held on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Station #38, 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, Murray, Hower
Absent Trustees: Hill

Trustee Murray moved to approve the attendance of Trustee Hill via Zoom, second by Trustee Long and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Long, Murray, Hill
Nays: None

9A) UNIT CITATION PRESENTATION - Red Shift Unit Citation presentation.

2) CORRESPONDENCE

2A) CORRESPONDENCE – Have Chief's report and correspondence in file.

2B) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Back in session in mid-January.

3) MINUTES

3A) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2023.

Trustee Long moved to approve the November 20, 2023 meeting minutes, second by Trustee Hower and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hill, Long, Hower, Murray
Nays: None

3B) REPORT FROM RECORDING SECRETARY- None

4) PUBLIC COMMENT – John Schaller expressed appreciation for our participation in the Thanks-gifting for the Cuba food pantry on Saturday December 16th by Kelsey Roadhouse by providing a Hummer to load up. This will now be an annual event. Wished everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

5) ATTORNEY REPORT – Tax Levy Report. Two agreements to look over and approve. Also need to discuss how to proceed with the Paid Time Off Act that went into effect on 1/1/2024.

6) FINANCIAL REPORT

6A) PURCHASE REQUISITIONS FROM 11/21/2023 – 12/18/2023 – Trustee Hower moved to approve the purchase requisitions from 11/21/2023-12/18/2023 for \$72,500.00. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered:
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hill, Long, Hower, Murray
Nays: None

6B) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER: Trustee Hower moved to approve the December Treasurers Report, with receipts of \$1,257,857.83, disbursements of \$ 574,654.22 leaving a balance of \$ 683,203.61. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered:

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

Nays: None

6C) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER –Trustee Hower moved to transfer \$935,000.00 from the checking account to the money market account, \$129,000.00 from the ambulance account to the money market account, and \$7,172.60 from the money market to the utility account. Trustee Long second. Upon roll call the following answered

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

Nays: None

7) CHIEF'S REPORT – A written report was provided. Javier Diaz, who has been a POP for the past 1-1/2 years, has accepted a permanent part-time position and will be starting on 1/2/24 on Red Shift. From June to October of 2023 there were no resignations which is the first time ever for this to occur. We have 4 interviews tomorrow.

8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

9) NEW BUSINESS-

9B) DISCUSSION REGARDING COLA INCREASE FOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEES –

Discussion postponed until Executive Session.

9C) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2023 TAX LEVY - Trustee Hower moved to approve the 2023 Tax Levy as proposed in agreement with Lauterbach & Amen. Trustee Long second.

Upon roll call the following answered

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

Nays: None

9D) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LONG GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – Trustee Long moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Long Grove Fire Protection District regarding usage of a Tender. Trustee Murray second.

Upon roll call the following answered

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

Nays: None

9F) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CTI -- Trustee Hower moved to approve along with seeking enhancement of certificate of insurance. Trustee Murray second.

Upon roll call the following answered

Ayes: Trustees: Hill, Long, Hower, Murray

Nays: None

Abstain: Hanson

9G) SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024 -- Trustee Murray moved to approve the 2024 schedule of meetings with correction in January to Thursday January 18th and in February to Thursday February 15th. Trustee Hill second.

Upon roll call the following answered
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hill, Long, Hower, Murray
Nays: None

9H) AMBULANCE BILLING -- Trustee Long moved to accept ambulance bills as presented.
Trustee Hower second.

Upon roll call the following answered
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Long, Hower, Murray
Nays: Hill

9I) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY ACT – Trustee Long motioned to add Public Employee Disability Act to our Property and Casualty Insurance. Trustee Hower second.

Upon roll call the following answered
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hill, Long, Hower, Murray
Nays: None

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION- Trustee Long moved to recess to closed session at 7:36 pm for the purposes of Personnel pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) I (lease or sale), (c) (5) purchase of real property, (c) (11) litigation and (c) (1) personnel issues. Second by Trustee Murray. Upon roll call the following answered:


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

11) POSSIBLE ACTION – TRUSTEE LONG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 3% COLA WAGE INCREASE. SECOND BY TRUSTEE MURRAY.

Upon roll call the following answered
Ayes: Trustees: Hanson, Hill, Long, Hower, Murray
Nays: None

12) ADJOURNMENT – Upon the motion by Trustee Long second by Trustee Murray and approved unanimously by a voice call of all Trustees present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Trustee Hill
Secretary