

## **ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on January 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the District Offices, 4222 S. Taylor Road. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill and began with the pledge to the flag.

### **Roll Call:**

Chairman:	Gregory Gill	Dist. Chief:	Jay Knavel
Commissioner:	Richard Mrugalski	Treasurer:	Nick Enser
Commissioner:	Mark Szczepanik	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	William Hanrahan	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Robert Benning		

### **Fire Company Officers Present:**

Orchard Park Chief: Rob Germano  
Windom Chief: Michael P. Carey  
Hillcrest Chief: Ron Hendershot

### **Others Present:**

Ed Jensen Jr. Orchard Park  
Monica Thielmann, District Administrator  
Christine Davenport, Hillcrest  
Dave Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance  
David K. Jensen, Orchard Park

### **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning that the minutes of the December meeting be approved. All in favor; motion carried.

### **Comments from the floor (Public):**

Ed Jensen Jr., Orchard Park, question as to when the reimbursement would be made to the Orchard Park Fire Company for the damages to the museum. Per Chairman Gill should have the answer by next month meeting.

### **Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Out of service for Firefighter Dakota Jarka
2. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: Election results for 2024.
3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
4. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
5. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
6. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
7. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall March 16, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
8. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re; Address change for Firefighter Mills.

9. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re:

**Treasurer's Report:**

No transfers are needed:

The monthly cash flow report is attached to the file copy.

Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor; motion carried.

**District Chief Jay Knavel:**

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. All apparatus extinguishers were tested and inspected.
3. Thank you all for the teamwork from the District for 2023 and continued for 2024.
4. Chiefs meeting after the regular meeting.

**Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:**

No report

**Windom Chief, Michael Carey:**

No report.

**Hillcrest Chief, Ron Hendershot:**

No report.

**District EMS**

No report

**Training (Given by OP10)**

1. District drill this month will be Firefighter Tactics and Survival.
2. District training schedule will be sent out soon.

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

**\*\*\*Orchard Park\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove Graham Diegelman from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to remove Lucas Bodden from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to remove Matthew Gill from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to remove Jason P. Knavel from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

**Commissioner Mrugalski:**

1. The elevator at Hillcrest has been repaired.

2. Sensor at Hillcrest has been changed over and working on Taylor Road.
3. Orchard Park the sensor for venting needs to be re-calibrated.
4. Will have the final tally for Orchard Park remodel either February or March meeting.
5. Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to advertise for the physicals. All in favor; motion carried.

**Commissioner Szczepanik:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski to purchase the new Windom pumper for \$1,055,543.00 with a delivery in 2026. All in favor; motion carried.

**Commissioner Benning:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to repair the pipe connection for the sprinklers at Taylor Road for \$2600.00. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to upgrade the North Station and Windom fire alarm monitoring to be done by Davis Ulner for \$2358 per year with a five (5) year contract. All in favor; motion carried.

**Commissioner Hanrahan:**

No report

**Commissioner Gill:**

No report

**Attorney Chelus:**

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:**

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$200,286.14. All in favor; motion carried.

**Motions Made:**

**Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall March 16, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to advertise for the physicals. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to repair the pipe connection at Taylor Road for \$2600.00. All in favor; motion carried.**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary

APPROVED