

**ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on November 12, 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: Mike Carey
Hillcrest Chief: Ron Hendershot

Others Present:

Chris Pieri, Facilities Manager	Dave Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance
Robert Baun, Windom	David K. Jensen, Orchard Park
Jon Gill, Hillcrest	Howard Hoffman, Jr. Windom
Ed Jensen Jr. Orchard Park	Matthew Coons, Orchard Park

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Comments from the floor (Public):

None

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: hall usage 10-19-2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: Slate of 2025 officers.
3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: Hall usage 11-30-2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
4. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: Hall usage 4-12-25. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
5. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: Hall usage 2-1-2025. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
6. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: Hall usage 1-25-2025. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
7. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: Hall usage 3-1-2025 Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.

8. Letter from District Chief Knavel re: intention to run for District Chief for 2025
9. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: slate of officers for 2025.
10. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: slate of officers for 2025.

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

District Chief Jay Knavel:

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. District Drill will be November 18, 2024.

EMS

No report

Training

No report.

Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:

1. Orchard Park Police will conduct a child safety seat inspection 11-20-2024

Windom Chief, Michael Carey:

No report

Hillcrest Chief, Ron Hendershot:

No report

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

*****Orchard Park*****

None

*****Hillcrest*****

None

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Szczepanik:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to purchase a 2024 Crestline diesel ambulance from Northeast Rescue Vehicles for \$219,590.00 All in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Benning:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan for the Standard workday for the following:

Nick Enser, Treasurer 12.17, Justin Johnson, Maintenance Manager 13.04, Chris Pieri, Facility Manager 2.83

All in favor; motion carried.

2. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to pay Firefly \$8,225.00 for the Service Awards Program.

Commissioner Hanrahan:

No report

Commissioner Gill:

No report

Attorney Chelus:

1. Completed the required paperwork for the Orchard Park Town Assessor for the 10% reduction in the taxes for Firefighters who own residences in the Town of Orchard Park.
2. Still nothing from the county regarding the repeater being placed on the tower at Chestnut Ridge Park.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan for the Secretary to post the upcoming election in the paper. All in favor; motion carried.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan for the election inspectors pay of \$100.00 each. All in favor; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$807,298.45. All in favor; motion carried.

Motions Made:

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan for the Secretary to post the upcoming election in the paper. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan for the election inspectors pay of \$100.00 each. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to pay Firefly \$8,225.00 for the Service Awards Program.

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All in favor; motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Meeting adjourned 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary

APPROVED