

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on September 10, 2024 at 7:04 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 Carey
Hillcrest Chief: Ron Hendershot

Others Present:

Monica Thielemann, District Administrator	Justin Johnson, District Maintenance Manager
Eric Knavel, OP EMS	Dave Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance
Wilhelm Aubrecht, Orchard Park	Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park
Jon Gill, Hillcrest	Matthew Szczepanik, Orchard Park

Moment of Silence for 9-11 Remembrance

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Comments from the floor (Public):

No one spoke

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: Use of Hillcrest Hall November 11, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: Resignation of Fire Fighter. See new memberships and removals.
3. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: Resignation of Fire Fighter. See new memberships and removals.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The 2% monies have been distributed. Quite a bit more than in past years.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning to accept the preliminary 2025 Budget. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik 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 September 16, 2024 at Chestnut Ridge Tower.
3. Used the new Florian at the Bills game. Worked well.

Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:

1. Thank you to the District for the Make-A-Wish Drive. Raised around \$3,000.00

Windom Chief, Michael Carey:

No report

Hillcrest Chief, Ron Hendershot:

1. Thank you to the District for the new ATV.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:*****Orchard Park*****

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to accept Grace Cloherty to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to accept Matthew Szczepanik to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove John Kane from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to remove Jacob McLaughlin from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**Commissioner Mrugalski:**

1. With regards to the repeaters on West Seneca's tower and Chestnut Ridge tower, West Seneca is all set but as of now, still no word from the County.

Commissioner Szczepanik:

1. The new OP1 will be ready for inspection on October 29, 2024.
2. Hoping to have Hillcrest specs wrapped up by the end of the year.

Commissioner Hanrahan :

No report

Commissioner Benning:

No report

Commissioner Gill:

1. The District has received a summons from EC District Attorney's Office. Has been given to Attorney Chelus.

Attorney Chelus:

1. With regards to the FOIL request referencing hazardous materials at Peregrine Landing, the request has been responded to stating the District has no knowledge of any hazardous materials at that location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$227,341.70. All in favor; motion carried.

Motions Made:

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning to accept the preliminary 2025 Budget. All in favor; motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Meeting adjourned 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary