



# HUNTLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Huntley Fire Protection District  
02/15/2022 at 9:00AM  
Station One**

Trustee Brown called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. Roll call noted, present were Trustee Brown, Trustee Bayser, Trustee Saletta, Trustee Davis and Trustee Mahoney. Also present were Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Levendoski, Deputy Chief Fortunato, Attorney Miller, Administrative Professional Thompson, members of the public and members of the Huntley Fire Protection District.

The meeting opened at 9:00AM.

A moment of silence was held for Commissioner Fred Olson.

The meeting participants stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations: Lifesaving awards, Kelly Gitzke recognition: On December 26, 2021, 61 year old Brian Kuhn was working out at the gym when he went into cardiac arrest. Lt. Gitzke and Lt. Harders presented lifesaving awards to the woman who called 911, the dispatcher who took the call at SEECOM, the man who performed CPR, a second man who assisted with CPR, the Lake in the Hills police officer who responded first and members of the Huntley Fire Protection District on the call. The HFPD members received a lifesaving award pin for their uniforms. Ally from Zoll also gave out clinical save certificates and challenge coins.

Chief Ravagnie also presented a humanitarian award to Lt. Kelly Gitzke for being deployed to Hurricane Ida in August of last year. She received a MABAS certificate and pin.

Members of the public and of the Huntley Fire Protection District left the meeting at 9:21AM.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:24AM.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Davis motioned to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$672,389.21 seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Lauterbach and Amen Budget Report: We have \$9 million in account balances. The operating account has \$4 million, with \$1 million a month being for operating expenses. The personnel expenses were a little over budget but in terms of all expenses we are on target. Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Lauterbach and Amen Report, which is in the Board packet, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from January 18, 2022, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Brown and Trustee Saletta abstained, all remaining voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

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Milford Brown	Bonnie Bayser	James Saletta	John Davis	Joseph Mahoney	Scott Ravagnie
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Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the Closed Meeting minutes from January 18, 2022, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, Trustee Brown and Trustee Saletta abstained, all remaining voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Correspondence: A resident thanked the paramedics for their help. We received a second thank you for the barn fire in McHenry.

#### Attorney Report

Legislative Report: The vaccine mandate is still in place. IDPH is keeping the mandate. They are requiring it for anyone going to paramedic school.

General Report: This was a busy week with funerals. We had one for Larry Graf and one for Fred Olson. This time last year we had 698 calls and we are currently at 903 calls. We are second in the county with highest number of calls after Crystal Lake. We have not had any COVID cases in the department in two weeks. We have one member on light duty. One part time member will be taking a leave of absence for surgery. On February 7, 2022 the new staffing model started. We are at 21 every day. We are working on the budget currently and have a conference call with our accountant today. The Deputy Chiefs are working on capital expenditures to build out the next 20-30 years. There is a lot of inflation which makes doing the budget difficult. There could be a 25% increase in costs next year. We are still working on policies. We just hired three new part time members. We are hoping to hire a few more next month. We are getting reimbursed \$3,200.00 from the SAFER grant for each set of turn out gear.

Alarm Response: Any questions? No.

EMS Dispatches: Any questions? No.

Hospitals Report: Any questions? No.

Mobile Integrated Health: With the follow ups, it could be once with the same person or it could be multiple with the same patient.

Fire Prevention Report: Any questions? No.

Public Education Report: Any questions? No.

Customer Service Surveys: We are at 49% and all very positive.

Facilities Report: Any questions? No.

Apparatus Maintenance: Any questions? No.

Committee Reports: There is a Safety Committee meeting on March 22, 2022. Labor Management will have a meeting this month. Foreign Fire will meet on April 15, 2022.

Insurance: We met with Assured Partners and went over pricing and the road map for our schedule for 2022.

SEECOM: The meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Board of Commissioners: They are meeting tomorrow to finalize the Battalion Chief testing.

Fire Cost Recovery: We received \$2,568.00.

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Grant Applications: We met on January 27, 2022 with the manager of our SAFER grant. FEMA not giving us our reimbursement money right away because of the delay with getting gear. Will have 10 sets of intern gear we can get reimbursed for and five sets of part time gear. We will also start receiving \$100 per month for advertising on our sign for hiring.

Village/Countries: We are still meeting every month.

Other:

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve: Sale of Station 1 contract: Trustee Davis motioned to approve the sale of Station 1 contract, seconded by Trustee Bayser. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Approve: L&A agreement: The prices have slightly increased. This will be for a one year contract. Trustee Bayser motioned to approve the L&A agreement, seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

We received a letter from Tighe, Kress and Orr, which is in the Board packet, and we will have to find a new auditor for this year. We will be getting prices.

Trustees Agenda:

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Trustee Bayser motioned to close the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and move into closed session for the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, Collective Bargaining matters or consideration of salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, the selection of person to fill a public office or discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, the purchase or lease of real property or setting of a price for sale or lease of district property and litigation – pending or probable, inviting in Chief Ravagnie, Deputy Chief Levendoski, Deputy Chief Fortunato, Attorney Miller and Administrative Professional Thompson, seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed and the meeting closed at 9:55AM.

The meeting reopened at 10:49AM.

There was some discussion on the Commissioner terms. The terms will be staggered out. It looks like all three commissioners are up. They will have to submit letters this year.

Trustee Bayer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Saletta, all in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 10:54AM.

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President Milford Brown

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Secretary Bonnie Bayser

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