



**Board of Trustees
Lake Villa Fire Protection District
Administrative Office - 910 East Grand Avenue
Lake Villa, Illinois 60046**

**LAKE VILLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – OPEN SESSION
910 E. Grand Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046
September 13, 2021, 7:00 PM**

The Board of Trustees of the Lake Villa Fire Protection District conducted a Special Meeting via telephone and videoconference in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7(e)), recently amended by Public Act 101-0640 (Government Emergency Administration Act) as the result of the State's disaster declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the Board President's determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent, pursuant to notice.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

James Stout, President
Romie Johnson, Secretary
Ingrid Skidmore, Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board of Trustees President James Stout at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Stout.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Trustee Stout, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Skidmore

OTHERS PRESENT

Fire Chief Slazes, Fire Prevention Officer Lt. Justin Biggs, B/C Dane Costello, Lt. Jay Vance, Administrative Assistant Hannah Bartlett, Recording Secretary Jane Simi
Via Zoom: Attorney Joe Miller of Ottosen, Dinolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd, James Howard of Government Accounting Services

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 2, 2021 General Meeting Minutes - Open Session: Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the minutes and release as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skidmore. Roll call vote: Trustee Stout: Aye, Trustee Johnson: Aye, Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Motion passed.

August 30, 2021 General Meeting Minutes - Open Session: Trustee Johnson motioned to approve the minutes and release as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skidmore. Roll call vote: Trustee Stout: Aye, Trustee Johnson: Aye, Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Motion passed.



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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Statements: James Howard presented the District Financial Report for the three (3) months ended July 31, 2021 Fiscal Year 2022. Trustee Stout motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll call vote: Trustee Stout: Aye, Trustee Johnson: Aye, Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Skidmore presented the Bill List for August 3 through September 13, 2021. Trustee Johnson motioned to approve payment of bills including three (3) payroll periods in the amount of \$566,293.40. Trustee Stout motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll call vote: Trustee Stout: Aye, Trustee Johnson: Aye, Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Daytime Staff time off was discussed; agenda item tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021 – 08 A Resolution Regarding Confidentiality of Certain Closed Minutes: A resolution regarding disposition of audio recordings from approved and released Closed Session Meeting minutes older than eighteen (18) months which are not part of any pending litigation was discussed. Trustee Skidmore motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08 as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson. Roll call vote: Trustee Stout: Aye, Trustee Johnson: Aye, Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Motion passed.

District Fraud Assessment: Tabled.

District Financial Approval Process: Tabled; in review by James Howard.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Fire Chief Slazes: reported 335 incidents in August 2021. EMS incidents resulted in 163 transports. An overview of August fire and EMS incidents was discussed. The increased repair cost for Engine 242 was discussed.

In order to fill vacancies, the next two (2) candidates from the current Firefighter/Paramedic List of Eligibles are completing the hiring process.

Chief Slazes discussed Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-22, COVID Executive Order No. 88, Section 2: Vaccination and Testing Requirements for Health Care Workers. Effective September 19, 2021 District health care employees will be required to be "fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Those employees who are not vaccinated will be required to be tested weekly, at a minimum, with the PCR test at the employee's expense, per Executive Order No. 88, Section 2. Chief Slazes informed the Board of Trustees of the Directive; there was no objection by the Board.

Fire Prevention Bureau: Lt. Biggs reported on public education events at various schools and plans for Fire Prevention Week in October. A Life Safety complaint identified by a resident at Water's Edge was addressed; work is in progress to correct the issue. Formal agreements for a Code Enforcement Officer with the Villages in the District will be sought. The Community Connect Program continues to be successful. A 7G Agreement for Public Education was discussed with the Board of Trustees. The Advocate Aurora construction on Park Avenue continues as more plans



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have been submitted for review. Allendale School will be visited by Department members for positive interaction development.

Attorney Miller: Joe Miller reported settlement of Tax Rate objections dating back to 2016.

Trustees: Nothing to report

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Stout motioned to adjourn. Trustee Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion approved. Roll call vote: Trustee Stout: Aye, Trustee Johnson: Aye, Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Motion passed.

Time: Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Romie Johnson, Secretary

Date

Submitted by: _____
Jane Simi, Recording Secretary