



**LAKE VILLA**  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
910 E Grand Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046  
April 5, 2024, 10:00 PM

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

James Stout, President  
Ingrid Skidmore, Treasurer  
Howard Schnitzer, Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Stout at 10:01 AM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Stout.

3. **ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Trustee James Stout, Trustee Ingrid Skidmore (via Zoom), Trustee Howard Schnitzer

**OTHERS PRESENT IN-PERSON**

Chief Slazes, Deputy Chief Becker

**VIA ZOOM**

Karl Ottosen of Ottosen, DinNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

N/A for this meeting.

6. **OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

7. N/A for this meeting.

8. **NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

a. Reappointment of Commissioners.

Trustee Skidmore motioned to reappoint the current Fire Commissioners: John Mehnert, Christine Larsen and Edward Lee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schnitzer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion passed

b. Request to approve filling the vacant position of Battalion Chief.

Trustee Skidmore motioned to approve filling the vacant position of Battalion Chief. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schnitzer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion passed.

c. A recommendation to not fund and not keep open a 10th Lieutenant position was given.

Trustee Stout motioned to not fund and not keep open the position for a 10<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant. The motion was seconded by



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Trustee Schnitzer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion passed.  
d. A request was presented to authorize the hiring of a full-time Fire Marshall.  
Trustee Skidmore motioned the authorization to hire a full-time Fire Marshall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schnitzer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion passed.

9. **Closed Session**

Trustee Stout motioned to enter into Closed Session at 10:12 AM for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1). Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11). Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2).

- The motion was seconded by Trustee Skidmore. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion approved.
- Present in Closed Session: Trustee Stout, Trustee Skidmore (via Zoom), Trustee Schnitzer, Fire Chief Slazes, Deputy Chief Becker, Karl Ottosen (via Zoom).
- Trustee Stout motioned to adjourn Closed Session at **11:02 AM**. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion passed.

10. **REPORT UPON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

- Trustee Stout motioned to return to Open Session at **11:02**.
- No final action was taken in Closed Session.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Skidmore motioned to adjourn at **11:02 AM**. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schnitzer. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stout: Aye. Trustee Skidmore: Aye. Trustee Schnitzer: Aye. Motion passed.

Next Regular Board Meeting: May 6, 2024

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Howard Schnitzer, Secretary

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Date

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Welsch, Recording Secretary

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Date