

Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 9, 2025, at Fire Station #20, located at 500 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Call to Order

Trustee Bettiker called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were present: Trustee Phil Bettiker, President; Trustee Sheila Elston, Secretary; Trustee Jeff Hansen, Treasurer; Fire Chief Ray Larson; Deputy Fire Chief Micah Montondo; Administrative Services Manager Coleen Wattleworth; Attorney Megan Lamb.

Others Present

Members of the department: Joel Antman, Andrew Banda Frey, Joe Bass, Giovanni Castro, John Cossentino, Chris Johnson, Brady Niemiec.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025, regular meeting was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Elston. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve and release the minutes of the September 11, 2025, closed meeting was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the treasurer's report for the month ending September 30, 2025, was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable Report

A motion to approve the bills & disbursements paid for the month ending September 30, 2025, for \$462,929.75 was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Elston. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Lamb provided an update on pending litigation against the District.

Chief's Report

Chief Larson provided a monthly update on the operations of the District.

Old Business

A motion to appoint Jon Vaccarello as Division Chief of Training with a base salary of \$173,310, effective January 1, 2026, was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The board received the DRAFT 2025 tax levy ordinance no. 2025-O-03.

A motion to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to hire a candidate from the eligibility list was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to accept a Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant, for \$152,727, to replace broken, end-of-life vehicle exhaust systems for Station 19 and Station 20, for a net cost of \$47,578, was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to purchase two Zoll *AutoPulse* devices for \$59,478 and investigate donating old devices to the Highland Park EMS System was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve resolution 2025-R-03 declaring a 2014 Ford Explorer as surplus was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Closed Session – None

Action Taken After Closed Session – None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 13, 2025.



Phil Bettiker
President, Board of Trustees
Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Sheila Elston
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District