

BYRON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

1) OPENING OF MEETING

President Chris Logston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2) ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sandy Beitel, Chris Higgins, Randy Snider, Matt Kuss, and Chris Logston

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Chief Andrew Politsch

3) GUESTS PRESENT

Accountant Mike Traum, Recording Secretary Michele Trzcinski-Ramos, Chad Nelson with Coyle Kiley Insurance Agency, Inc., Lt. Ryan Bruce and FF Dan Dwyer at 6:09 pm

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 20, 2025 General Meeting Minutes - Trustee Snider motioned to approve the May 20, 2025 General Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied. Second by Trustee Kuss. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes and Logston - Yes. Motion passed.

6) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS

Trustee Beitel motioned to approve the Financial Report and Bills for May 2025 in the amount of \$444,054.77, as submitted and studied. Second by Trustee Higgins. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

7) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Trustee Beitel motioned to approve the Agenda as printed. Second by Trustee Kuss. Roll Call: Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Kuss – Yes and Logston - Yes. Motion passed.

8) CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chief announced that last night the Stillman Valley Fire Protection District dedicated their Conference Room to Chief Stanton Seeberg – it will be known as the “Seeberg Room”. He has been in the fire service for over 60 years, which includes time with the Byron Fire District.

9) OLD BUSINESS

- A) *Review of Ordinances & Resolutions Passed and Approved in June of Previous Years – Ordinance #2024-01 - Amending Section One (Exhibit A) of the Rates & Charges for Resident / Non-Residents Ambulance Service Provided by BFPD – No need to update, no action was taken.*
- B) *Discussion and possible action on Ratifying E-mail Vote for Health & Dental Insurance Renewals with Presentation by Chad Nelson – Mr. Nelson with Coyle Kiley Insurance Agency reviewed the health and dental insurance rates for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 renewal; he stated our rate increased by 13% which is in range for our demographic. He thanked the Board for allowing him to provide us with his services. Trustee Higgins motioned to ratify the e-mail vote for the health and dental insurance renewals effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Second by Trustee Beitel. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Snider – Yes and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.*

10) NEW BUSINESS

- A) *Chief's Report – Chief Politsch reported there is an issue with the new ambulances air conditioner, and they are working on fixing the issue. The Dash Cams will be installed in the new ambulances this week.*
- B) *Attorney's Report – the Spiller Pays Ordinance should be available next month.*
- C) *Discussion and possible action on Ordinance #2025-01 Byron Fire Protection District Spiller Pays and Other Service Fees – Tabled*
- D) *Discussion and possible action on Updating Maternity Leave Policy – Chief Politsch informed the Board that our Maternity Leave Policy is outdated and needs to be revised to include Paternity Leave. He also stated he would like the policy to be competitive and “work” for both career and civilian employees. It was determined that examples should be researched for discussion at the July meeting. No action taken.*
- E) *Discussion and possible action on Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Closed Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Trustee Kuss motioned to Release the following Closed Session Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2023, August 22, 2023, May 28, 2024, June 25, 2024, August 26, 2024, September 23, 2024, October 22, 2024, and November 26, 2024. Second by Trustee Beitel. Roll Call: Beitel – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Snider – Yes, Kuss – Yes and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.*

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION – no motion to enter closed session was made.

12) BUSINESS to DISCUSS after CLOSED SESSION

A) Discussion and possible action on any Closed Session Item – No action taken.

13) ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Beitel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, and Logston – Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mathew Kuss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mathew Kuss
Secretary