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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
 FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 - 5:00 PM**

<p>The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Acting Board President John Brudnak for the purpose of conducting all regular business of the District, proper notice having been given.</p> <p>PRESENT: Trustee Brudnak REMOTE ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM: Trustee Evoy, Schmidt, Schirmacher Attorney LeeAnn Crow ABSENT: Trustee Hickey (**Trustee Hickey submitted his resignation from the Board of Trustees effective 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023**)</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Burt Odelson and Recording Secretary Gerry Strunka.</p> <p><i>Attorney Odelson started the meeting by reading a Proclamation regarding the Governor's Statewide Disaster Proclamation regarding Open Meetings.</i></p>	<p>OPENING MEETING</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p>Glenn Kraemer spoke regarding his concerns of the Board appointing a new Trustee to fill Trustee Hickey's open Trustee spot and he questioned whether proper notice was given</p> <p>Though Board/Attorney response is generally not given, Attorney Odelson felt the need to respond to Mr. Kraemer's comments regarding a few legal points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attorney Odelson stated that, in fact, over 48 hours' notice was given of this Special Meeting in the usual way we post, to both the lobby of the OFPD Administration building on 4/26/23 @ 4:25 p.m. and to the OFPD website on 4/26/23 @4:42 p.m.; 2. A meeting could not have taken place last year as Mr. Hickey was a member of the Board and did not tender a resignation; and 3. The Board has no power to remove—the Court does and someone would have to bring an action to have him removed-- that is not within the legal scope of 	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>

<p>this Board. The Board is directed by State Statute to fill any vacancy. When Mr. Hickey's resignation came to the Board, it was this Board's opinion to fill the vacancy.</p>	
<p>No Old Business.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>
<p>A Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2), and 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Schmidt and seconded by Trustee Evoy. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ayes: Trustees Schmidt, Evoy, Schirmacher, Brudnak Nays: None Absent: None</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>
<p>Open Session reconvened at 5:22 p.m. The following Trustees were present at roll call:</p> <p>Trustees Brudnak, Evoy, Schmidt and Schirmacher</p> <p>A Motion to Appoint Beth Damas Kaspar to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Trustee James Hickey was made by Trustee Craig Schmidt and seconded by Trustee Jayne Schirmacher. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Ayes: Trustees Schmidt, Schirmacher, Evoy, Brudnak Nays: None Absent: None</p> <p><i>Fire Commissioner Beth Damas Kaspar came forward and stated her resignation as a Fire Commissioner of the Orland Fire Protection District effective immediately and accepted the appointment of Trustee to fill the vacancy.</i></p> <p>Acting President John Brudnak administered the Trustee Oath of Office to Beth Damas Kaspar.</p>	<p>RECONVEMENT</p> <p>Appointment of Beth Damas Kaspar as Trustee</p> <p>Oath of Office</p>
<p>There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Schmidt and seconded by Trustee Kaspar at 5:27 p.m. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ayes: Trustees Schmidt, Kaspar, Schirmacher, Evoy, Brudnak Nays: None Absent: None</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>