

Harvard Fire Protection District

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BOARD of TRUSTEES

Scott Logan
Laura Evers
Josh Kelnhofer
Paul Hildreth

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the Harvard Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvard Fire Department located at 502 S. Eastman Street, Harvard, Illinois 60033, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: President Logan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Board of Trustees and all other participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance and entered into a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Scott Logan, Treasurer Laura Evers and Secretary Paul Hildreth
ABSENT: Trustee Josh Kelnhofer
ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief John Kimmel, Harvard Fire Protection District; Maddie Hayes (*via videoconference*), Lauterbach & Amen (L&A); Attorney Joe Ponitz, Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley

PUBLIC FORUM: There was no public forum.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting:* The Board reviewed the February 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Secretary Hildreth and seconded by Treasurer Evers to approve the February 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Review/Approve – Monthly Financial Reports for February 2026:* The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports for the ten-month period ending February 28, 2026 prepared by L&A. As of February 28, 2026, the total liability and fund balance was \$4,099,691.50 The Board also reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures. A motion was made by Treasurer Evers and seconded by Secretary Hildreth to accept the Monthly Financial Report as prepared. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Logan, Treasurer Evers and Secretary Hildreth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Kelnhofer

Review/Approve – Disbursement Warrant for February 2026: The Board reviewed the February 2026 Vendor Check Report and the most current disbursement warrant for February 11, 2026

through March 10, 2026. Vendor payments for the period totaled \$102,220.47. Payroll totals for February 13, 2026 and February 27, 2026 were \$46,320.14. A motion was made by Treasurer Evers and seconded by President Logan to approve the February 2026 Vendor Check Report and the disbursement warrant in the total amount of \$148,540.61. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Logan, Treasurer Evers and Secretary Hildreth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Kelnhofer

OLD BUSINESS: *Discussion/Possible Action – Long Range Planning/Full-time Staffing:* The Board discussed new hires as well as long-range planning. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

Review/Approve – Billing Ordinance for Facilities Lift Assists – Ordinance 2026-02: The Board reviewed Ordinance 2026-02 amending the charging of fees for emergency medical services by the Harvard Fire Protection District. A motion was made by Treasurer Evers and seconded by Secretary Hildreth to approve Ordinance 2026-02. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Logan, Treasurer Evers and Secretary Hildreth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Kelnhofer

NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion/Possible Action – Garage Door Repair/Maintenance:* The Board discussed the garage door repair. A motion was made by President Logan and seconded by Secretary Hildreth to approve payment of the garage door maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 for a three-year agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Logan, Treasurer Evers and Secretary Hildreth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Kelnhofer

Review/Approve – Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley Retainer Agreement: The Board discussed the retainer agreement received from Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley and discussed the PFAS class action lawsuit. A motion was made by Secretary Hildreth and seconded by President Logan to engage with Franks Gerkin Ponitz Greeley. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: President Logan, Treasurer Evers and Secretary Hildreth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Trustee Kelnhofer

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: *Monthly Summary:* Chief Kimmel apprised the Board regarding updates to financials, administration, buildings and grounds, training, apparatus and equipment, station alerting and dispatching, public education and relations and emergency calls.

Status Update – Remodel: Chief Kimmel informed the Board the remodel is complete. No further action is needed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to discuss.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY: There was no attorney’s report presented.

CLOSED SESSION – IF NEEDED: There was no need for closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Secretary Hildreth and seconded by Treasurer Evers to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvard Fire Department located at 502 S. Eastman Street, Harvard, Illinois 60033.

Board President or Secretary

Date Approved by Board

Minutes prepared by Maddie Hayes, Professional Services Administration, Lauterbach & Amen