

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 APRIL 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the Harvard Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 14, 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, Secretary Paul Hildreth and Trustee Josh Kelnhofer

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief John Kimmel and Assistant Chief Don Carlson, Harvard Fire Protection District; Maddie Hayes, Lauterbach & Amen (L&A)

PUBLIC FORUM: There was no public forum.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Review/Approve – Monthly Financial Reports for March 2026:* The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports for the eleven-month period ending March 31, 2026 prepared by L&A. As of March 31, 2026, the total liability and fund balance was \$4,034,296.33 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, Secretary Hildreth and Trustee Kelnhofer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Review/Approve – Disbursement Warrant for March 2026: The Board reviewed the March 2026 Vendor Check Report and the most current disbursement warrant for March 11, 2026 through April 14, 2026. Vendor payments for the period totaled \$71,358.88. Payroll totals for March 13, 2026 and March 27, 2026 were \$44,300.90. A motion was made by Treasurer Evers and seconded by Secretary Hildreth to approve the March 2026 Vendor Check Report and the disbursement warrant in the total amount of \$115,659.78. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS: *Discussion/Possible Action – Long Range Planning/Full-time Staffing:* The Board noted there were no updates regarding planning or full-time staffing. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion/Possible Action – New Engine Purchase:* Chief Kimmel apprised the Board regarding the purchase of a new engine in the amount of \$1,237,000. A motion was made by Secretary Hildreth and seconded Treasurer Evers by to approve the purchase as stated with \$0 down. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

The Board also discussed the change orders needed for the engine purchase. A motion was made by President Logan and seconded by Trustee Kelnhofer to authorize Chief Kimmel to sign the necessary contracts for the engine purchase. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Discussion/Possible Action – 2026/2027 Payroll Budget: The Board discussed the 2026 and 2027 payroll budget. A motion was made by President Logan and seconded by Secretary Hildreth to approve the raises as presented by Chief Kimmel effective May 1, 2026 for the next fiscal year. Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Discussion/Possible Action – Legal Action Against US Medical Glove Company with the City of Harvard: Chief Kimmel apprised the Board regarding the closure of the US Medical Glove Company facility. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

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.

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 Trustee Kimmel to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 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