



Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 2, 2023
Empress Banquets- 200 East Lake St., Addison, IL



THIS WAS THE BUSINESS MEETING PRIOR TO THE 2023 SPRING SYMPOSIUM

- 1. Call to Order.** President Steve Evans called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 2, 2022.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.** President Evans led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for CPD Police Officer and Buffalo NY Firefighter killed yesterday in the line of duty.
- 3. Roll Call** (Minimum of 20 members plus President or VP). Based on the attendance roster, President Evans confirmed the presence of a quorum, as defined in the By-Laws.
- 4. Introduction of Sponsors & Guests.** President Evans thanked Rebound, Inc., Restore Restoration, and IPRF for hosting the Symposium.
- 5. Secretary Report.** Secretary Gaertner presented the minutes of the February 2, 2023, business meeting.

a) A motion was made to approve the February 2, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion: Warrenville FPD

Second: Hoffman Estates FD

Voice Vote: Unanimous

6. New Business.

A. Approval of the 2023 Budget. Treasurer Deegan presented the proposed 2023 Budget for approval, which included \$72,000 in revenue and \$78,160 in expenditures. The proposed budget is attached as Attachment A. He also noted the nearly \$6,160 proposed revenue-to-expenditure deficit, and pointed-out that such has been the practice to maintain modest levels of fund balance. He advised that, though such is the case each year, usually the organization still ends-up with a positive revenue-to-expenditure amount by year-end. Following discussion, the McHenry Township FPD made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget, as presented. The motion was seconded by the Beach Park FPD and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. Open Discussion. None

8. Future Meetings. President Evans advised the attendees that the Administrative Professionals Recognition Luncheon would be at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Hall in Addison on Thursday, April 6th, flyers were on the table, and additional information is on the Metro Chiefs website. The next Regular meeting will be on Thursday May 4, 2023, at the Empress Banquet Hall.

9. Adjournment. The Lombard Fire Department made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was seconded by the Hoffman Estates Fire Department and was unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Following the business meeting, the Spring Symposium was conducted and included the following:

- Bartlett Fire Chief Bill Gabrenya presented “16 Minutes: The Access Warehouse Fire Response & Analysis.”
- Highland Park Fire Chief Joe Schrage and Deputy Chief Frank Nardomarino presented the “Celebration Turned to Tragedy: Response to the Highland Park July 4th Parade Active Shooter Incident and Aftermath.”

Thomas D. Gaertner
Secretary