



Central Stickney Fire Protection District
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May 14, 2026

The Central Stickney Fire Protection District Board held its Regular Monthly Meeting on May 14, 2026, at the Central Stickney Fire House, 4951 S. Lotus Avenue, Stickney Township, Illinois, 60638.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

Fortino Carrillo
Karl Frixen
Bruce Zelasko

ALSO PRESENT

Brian McMahon, Chief
Beth Attard, Attorney
Sue Stanearth, Recording Secretary

Mr. Zelasko called the meeting to order at 6:29 P.M.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Frixen, to approve the April 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Carrillo, to approve the May 7, 2026, Budget Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Frixen, to approve payment of the April 2026 Bills Payable with a total disbursement of \$63,057.12.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Beth Attard reported that Gary Perlman sent the tentative Budget & Appropriation Ordinance to the Board to review. A Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance will be held at the June board meeting. The Daily Southtown will publish the notice in the Monday, May 11, 2026 edition of the newspaper, along with the notice that the Proposed Budget will be available for public inspection for the 30-days prior to the hearing and meeting.

Chief McMahon added that a copy of the Tentative Budget will be posted in the Trustees' office for the next 30 days for public viewing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Carrillo read the following Treasurer's Report dated April, 2026:

Opening Balance for April 1, 2026		\$ 543,065.84
DEPOSITS		
4/1/2026	Medical Reimbursement	896.43
4/2/2026	Cook County Tax	154,933.82
4/3/2026	Medical Reimbursement	391.39
4/7/2026	Refund, Liberty National	119.28
4/7/2026	Food & Flowers Club	272.00
4/7/2026	Cook County Tax	146,706.07
4/7/2026	Medical Reimbursement	99.85
4/13/2026	State Property Replacement Tax	7,555.53
4/13/2026	Cook County Tax	45,166.57
4/24/2026	Proper Twelve Grant	10,000.00
4/28/2026	Cook County Tax	4,852.30
4/30/2026	Medical Reimbursement	498.98
TOTAL DEPOSITS FOR APRIL, 2026		<u>\$ 371,492.22</u>
EXPENDITURES		
PAYROLL, TAXES, IMRF, FEES		62,228.07
BILLS PAID		<u>63,057.12</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL, 2026		<u>\$ 125,285.19</u>

CLOSING STATEMENT BALANCES FOR APRIL 30, 2026:

CHECKING 2	\$ 400,174.13
CHECKING 3	\$ 24,852.84
SAVINGS	<u>\$ 351,241.96</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 776,268.93</u>

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Frixen, to approve and accept the Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McMahon reported that there were 63 total calls for the month of April, 2026.

Fire:	39	Ambulance:	24
In-town Fires:	26	In-town:	21
M/A Fires:	13	M/A:	3

Fuel used: Gasoline: 104.8 gallons Diesel: 62 gallons

No major incidents in town to report.

The April 2026 Training Report was included in the Trustees Board packet, detailing:

Total Contact hours of training
Drivers Training, Vehicle Checks, Maintenance checks
Fire Training Topics
Officer Training
Mutual Aid Training

Vehicle, Equipment, House Maintenance, Other:

Five members on leave of absence (Mina, Sanchez-Molina, McFarland, Gresik, Pawyza)

We still have open shifts, but we are getting better.

New hires for April are FF/PM Ivan Garcia and Single Role Paramedic Edgar Velazquez Salgado.

Our International Ambulance is still listed for sale with Brindle Mountain Apparatus. So far, we have only had one inquiry. The current price is \$25,000.00.

There was a discussion, and a decision was made to drop the price by \$5,000.00.

I am requesting the Board to approve a third-party company to complete our hose testing for this year only. Most of our hose is 20-years old. Normally, we complete the testing ourselves, but with all the OSHA penalties and the recent "first time" lawsuit against a Fire Department, I feel that we should do

this once. NFPA states that a hose has a maximum life of 15 years. Ours is 20-years old. I have been applying for grants for fire hose and will keep trying. This hose testing is going to cost about \$5,000.00, but I feel it's worth it to protect the district, our members, and the community.

Chief McMahon explained that all of the details for the fire hose testing are in the Board packets.

I am working on a plan to purchase new hoses for the department in case we do not receive any grants, and I will present that to the Board in the next couple of months.

Chief McMahon read the following Fire Prevention and Public Safety Report submitted by Deputy Chief Jason Staidl for the month of April 2026:

1. I received a notification from Johnson Controls that they were removing the direct connect radio from the FedEx location at 4800 S. Central Ave. After numerous emails exchanged with FedEx management, Johnson Controls and Extreme Fire Protection, the direct connect radios were successfully reinstalled.
2. I received notification from FSCI that Reliable Fire and Security called for fire alarm test and final at 4847 S. Lotus Ave. – 30 Devices.
3. I received notification from FSCI that the Johnson Controls fire alarm test and final inspection at Silver Beauty, building 6, 5750 W. 51st Street – 11 Devices was approved.
4. I received notification from FSCI that 4749 S. Linder Ave. submitted for a 13D residential sprinkler system.
5. I received notification from FSCI that Reliable Fire and Security's fire alarm test and final at 4847 S. Lotus Ave. – 30 Devices was approved.
6. I received notification from FSCI that dND Fire Protection called for a 13D residential sprinkler system test and final at 4836 S. Long Ave. – 22 sprinklers.
7. I received notification from FSCI that the permit for a 13D residential sprinkler system at 4749 S. Linder Ave. has been approved.

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Frixen, to approve Fire Catt Precision Service Testing as the outside, third-party company to perform the annual Hose Testing this year at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Carrillo, to approve the Chief's Report and the Fire Prevention and Public Safety Report.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zelasko said that the tentative budget from Gary Perlman that we approved at our May 7th Special Budget meeting needs to be approved for public inspection.

Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Frixen, to approve the Tentative form of Ordinance No. 1-2026, an ordinance providing for a Budget and Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2026, and Ending March 31, 2027, for the Central Stickney Fire Protection District for Public review.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

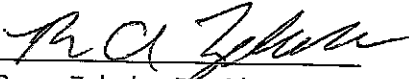
Mr. Zelasko motioned, seconded by Mr. Carrillo, to adjourn the meeting.


ROLL CALL: Ayes: Carrillo, Frixen, Zelasko
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Bruce Zelasko, President


Karl Frixen, Secretary