



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of The Wentzville Fire Protection District  
March 10, 2016

The Regular Board Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at 209 West Pearce Blvd., Wentzville MO 63385.

Chairwoman Houston called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Chief Marlo led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: Archer Heibel, representing Morning Star Church and fellow nonprofits, would like to request Ordinance variance for firework displays. Mr. Heibel is requesting the variance because of the costs associated for these types of displays. Fire Marshal Cuddihee provided copies of the current Ordinance. Fire Marshal Cuddihee explained shots of 1.4G do not require permits. Now will be shooting 1.3G and does require a \$250 permit fee. Mr. Heibel is asking the fee to be waived. Chairwoman Houston addressed Mr. Heibel, indicating the fire district as a whole is responsible to protect lives and property, and the district must remain consistent with the Ordinance. Chief Marlo stated the reason for the permit fee, is to cover the operations of the Fire Marshal's office, if something does go wrong, the district will be the first to be asked if permitting was done according to Ordinance. Chairwoman Houston stated the board understands this is a social gathering and church affiliation. However, the \$250 fee will stand. The district is ultimately responsible to serve and protect. Fire Marshal Cuddihee stated the Ordinance is being reviewed and the Board will discuss in the future. Chairwoman Houston stated she and the Board respects the request but the variance is denied. Fire Marshal stated he could shoot 1.3G. to alleviate his concerns for fees.

Chief Marlo called roll. Chairwoman Houston and Director Grassmuck were present, Director Hawkins was excused.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Marlo, Assistant Chief John Schneider, Deputy Chief John LeDoux, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, and Battalion Chief Mike Scott. Also present was Archer Heibel Pyro technician for Morning Star Church and Josh Pezzamenti from Pezz Lawncare.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda eliminating the approval of closed meeting minutes. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck and unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

On a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Grassmuck, the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2016 were unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to approve the bills; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck, and unanimously approved by both Board Members present.

### **Old Business:**

Review and approve training software module, tabled at this time until March 24th

Grass Cutting recommendation for 2016: Three were received, Green RX, Pezz, and Greenwood Group. Green RX thrown out did not bid properly. The bids were then between Pezz and Greenwood Group. Greenwood group, bid their recommendation not ours, the Building Committee did make the recommendation of Pezz, understands our property, if the Board so agrees.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to approve Pezz Lawncare for 2016 Grass cutting season, it was seconded Director Grassmuck and unanimously approved by both Board Members.

Update on Carpet of Station 3. Still working on the best option, recognize the fact carpet needs replaced and noticed some painting which may be considered. Not ready to move on.

Update SSM Ethical Conduct Agreement, counter signed and filed. Pricing for medical evaluation and fees checked by BC Meyer and Firefighter Kelly, appropriate and within budget.

### **New Business**

No New Business

### **Officer's Report:**

Chief Marlo reminded board of MACFPD in June. He stated this will provide pension requirements for the year. The Board is to inform Deputy Chief LeDoux if they are interested in going. No board meeting next week, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Chief Schneider discussed the Feathershark proposal for changes being recommended. He would like to have Feathershark to present on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Met with FGM, committees are getting close on final design and plan headquarters and training. They would like to come on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Deputy Chief LeDoux reported crews in the midst of Advanced Cardiac Life Support. Driver training booklet is out, and he has one thing for closed. Chairwoman Houston asked about the adjustment to speed. Mark explained the way the speed control was changed.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported on Station 5, living space being poured. There was a brief discussion on gas line at Station 5. Projects are moving forward.

Battalion Chief Scott, stated crews have been loading hose on new truck. He reported 802 calls to

date. Which are 100 calls over last year. Chief Marlo and the Board recognized Captain Browder and Firefighter Dwyer for the time and hard work preparing 9834 for service.


No Legal Counsel report.

Shop Steward Hakenewerth reported they have been super busy with calls and lots of training. Everything is going great. Smoke detector blitz in Kingsgate is going well. Assistant Chief Schneider stated Tom Oleksy called and said all is going well and the residents are pleased. Shop Steward Hakenewerth informed the Board that Firefighter Paramedic Nick Box is flying to Philadelphia to represent the district for Coats for Kids. Firefighter Box will be sharing how our Community Outreach has made our program so successful. Shop Steward Hakenewerth also stated it is great to have partnership with the Wentzville School District. Chief Marlo recognized Mike Szarwinski regarding uniforms.

No Committee report.

Chairwoman Houston motion to suspend the regular session at 6:30 p.m. to go into closed for Real Estate and Privileged Communications, seconded by Director Grassmuck and unanimously approved by both Board Members.

The Board returned to open at 7:21 p.m., Chairwoman Houston announced the approval to release hiring qualifications for the fall firefighter paramedic application process. Chairwoman Houston then motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:23 p.m., it was seconded Director Grassmuck, the Board unanimously agreed.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary