



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of April 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on April 19, 2018 at Station 1 at 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385.

Assistant Chief John Schneider led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Marlo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

Roll Call: Chief Marlo called roll. All three board members were present. Chairwoman Jennifer Houston, Director Frank Grassmuck, and Director Bob Hawkins.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Marlo, Assistant Chief John Schneider, Deputy Chief John LeDoux, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Shop Steward Max Mueller as well as Assistant Shop Steward Bryan Notheis and Captain Tommy Shine.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; it was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Chairwoman Houston motioned to approve the open meeting minutes of April 5, and April 12, 2018; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Grassmuck the closed meeting minutes of April 5th and April 12th, 2018 were approved. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Chairwoman Houston motioned and Director Grassmuck seconded the approval the bills as presented. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Old Business:

Approve purchase of two DSL cameras for Fire Prevention. Fire Marshal Cuddihee explained he takes over 5000 a picture a year. He and Inspector Mosher both need updated cameras as theirs are over 10 years old. The Board agreed to the purchase of two new DSL cameras for the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Approve swift-water protective gear. Captain Notheis informed the board the gear will outfit ten firefighters-two per truck for day and night operations in non-freezing situations. He stated the shelf-life is 10 years on the suits. The gear will be purchased from Rescue Source for the sum of \$13,769 plus shipping. Captain Notheis stated it is critical for new trucks for warm weather water rescue operations. Director Grassmuck asked about the big difference in the bids when opened. Captain Notheis explained it was a typo and they were very close in costs.

New Business:

No New Business

Officers Report:

Chief Marlo stated he would like to discuss time changes for future meetings. Mornings are not better for Director Hawkins, the Board agreed to change meeting to Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. The change will take effect on May 10th. The next meeting on April 26th will be at 9 am and the following Thursday May 3, will be at 2 p.m. Chief Marlo is requesting a date change for our safety day and open house for Station 1. Chief Marlo stated he has a class on that day that he is been waiting on. Chief Marlo thinks Fire Prevention weekend in October would be a good time to change to. So he is requesting moving from May 19th to Fire Prevention Week in October. The board was good.

Assistant Chief Schneider reported the office staff participated in an Egynte Webinar; he stated he picked up good tips for keeping secure files. There are options for upgrades in Egynte for stronger security; he will bring information back on options.

Deputy Chief LeDoux shared the training committee is working on training burns, live burns start next week with the crews. He stated he finished his last day of his Vision Program. The did critics and he Next Thursday is the graduation there are four seats available.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported Lake Saint Louis released the escrow. He also informed the board there was a fire at Wabash Elementary set by a juvenile. Everything went extremely well and all the kids were safe. He reported Lamb has been working at Station 1 working hard to finish up items.

Battalion Chief Meyer reported 1139 calls for the year.


Legal Counsel McLaughlin had nothing to report.

Shop Steward Max Mueller invited the board to a cocktail hour held by the 6th District on October 6th. He also informed the board about discussions going on with the area Chiefs on how calls are being run in the county. Captain Shine gave an update on the Szarwinski Family, stating every day is a challenge but they are getting through it. Captain Shine invited everyone to an event on April 24th, held by the majority of the Stefaninias which are putting on a Pizza for Penny evening. He also invited them to an event on May 12th Penny Palazzo put on by Mike Czerniewski and friends.

The board had nothing to report.

Chairwoman Houston motioned to suspend the regular meeting at 6:23 p.m. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

At 7:37 p.m. the board returned to open session and adjourned on a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary