



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of June 21, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on June 21, 2018 at Station 1 at 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385

Fire Chief Mike Marlo 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 board members were present; Chairwoman Jennifer Houston, and Director Frank Grassmuck, and Director Bob Hawkins.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Marlo, Assistant Chief John Schneider, Deputy Chief John LeDoux, and Shop Steward Max Mueller. Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin was also present.

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

Chairwoman Houston motioned to approve the open meeting minutes of June 14, 2018; the motion was seconded by Director Hawkins. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Hawkins the closed meeting minutes of June 14, 2018 were approved. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

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

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Assistant Chief Schneider talked about the Tax Abatement Notification Letter that was mentioned at the MACFPD Conference. At the conference it was discussed that there is a law in front of the Governor right now

where taxing agencies that give abatements or TIFs would have to notify all agencies that are affected. As a start, we will draft a letter putting cities on notice that we want to be notified and we want to participate in these tax abatement discussions. In 2014, we sent a letter similar to this notification. We updated the 2014 letter with the advice and approval of Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin. This letter has also been sent to CPA Rick Rognan for approval. We expect have a proposed draft to the board next week. When it is emailed to the Clerks, we will ask for a list of current tax abatement properties. CPA Rick Rognan suggested doing that every June or July before setting the tax rates. Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee and Fire Inspector Steve Mosher will go over their past records as well.

Officers Report:

Chief Marlo informed the board that he represented the District for the funeral of Chief Pender's wife. It was a good turnout. We received a Thank You letter from Rotary Club in Wentzville for our participation in their annual golf tournament.

We also received in the mail today our work comp carrier MEM's renewal notice. It is good news, our rates went down \$1,976 from last year. Board approves renewal and Chief Marlo will sign off on renewal. Chief Marlo mentions the \$14,000 premium reimbursement check from MEM for our safety report prepared by BC Willie Meyer and the \$10,000 grant from MEM for the UTV received from BC Mike Scott's efforts.

Assistant Chief Schneider informed the board of multiple checks received from individuals at Heritage of Hawk Ridge as donations to Community Outreach. One was received after the Cinco event from an individual and the other was a social group from Heritage of Hawk Ridge that voted to donate their \$500 surplus to our Community Outreach.

Assistant Chief Schneider updated that there was a planning committee meeting with CPA Rick Rognan to update the capital improvement plan. Director Grassmuck participated in this meeting as well. In that review, it was noted that we accomplished almost everything from the 2014 plan. Near future purchases in the next 6 months to one year include purchasing two more pickup trucks and selling two older red pickup trucks that are beginning to rust. The trucks would be multipurpose with one being used by the inspector and as a plow truck and the other being used as a plow truck and an additional brush unit. Captain Dwyer is working on getting some final numbers for these trucks/plows. BC Mike Scott and Captain Browder are working on a schedule for turnout gear for the crews. We are projecting 17-18 sets of new gear per year on a rotating basis to spread out the cost. Once the numbers are finalized, we will go out to bid on the board's approval. Another near future purchase will be USAR equipment and gear for the newer firefighters, replacement radios, and updated/prolonged technology. Will keep the board updated over the next four to six weeks as the budget is prepared.

Deputy Chief LeDoux informed that he has been working down in the dirty classroom getting everything cleaned up and organized. There are a lot of items at Station 3 that need to be brought here. We have built a mezzanine, with a roll around ladder and some racking for storage.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee had nothing to report.

Battalion Chief Joe Hutson informed he has the annual Hawk Ridge Smoke Detector Blitz setup for next week. We had about 100 homes sign up.

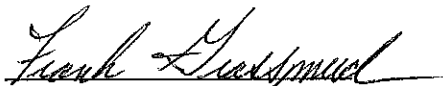
Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin had nothing to report.

Shop Steward Max Mueller had no shop business but reported that today was the annual fishing derby with Twin Oaks residents. We had a good turnout of residents and shop employees for fishing and we prepared lunch for the residents.

The board had nothing to report.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to suspend the regular meeting at 6:24 p.m. for Privileged Communications and Real Estate, seconded by Director Hawkins. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The board returned to open session and on a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Hawkins the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.



Frank Grassmuck, Secretary



Lisa Potts, Recording Secretary