



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of July 18, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on July 18, 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, Director Frank Grassmuck, and Director Bob Hawkins.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Mike Marlo, Assistant Chief John Schneider, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, as well as Captain Mark Dwyer. CPA Rognan was also present.

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 July 11, 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 July 11 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.

CPA Rognan presented the district assessment and proposed tax rates. These are preliminary numbers. Post BOE will come out later from St. Charles County. Assessment on real estate is up 4.01%. Personal Property assessments are also up 6.5%. This primarily related to new construction. CPA Rognan expressed these are outstanding assessments for St. Charles County. He stated if these numbers were used, there would be no change to the tax rate in the general fund. Have to back out new construction, which shows 2.1% growth, this is the same as CPI. CPA Rognan stated all district debt has been issued. He also explained as assessments go

up pennies go down. Tax rate will be lower than last year, we could assess up to 18 cents for debt service, however to pay back the debt, we do not need to collect the full 18 cents. CPA Rognan explained the district will have to publish for a Tax Hearing two weeks prior to setting the tax rate which will be in late September.

June Financials: CPA Rognan reported the district is .13% under budget or \$14,967. The benchmark is 50% we are at 49.87%. WE will hit the mark on all revenue categories. Building permits 169% of what is budgeted; all do to new commercial construction. Again interest rates are at 75% a September bench mark. CPA Rognan commended everyone on a job well done. On the expenses side, payroll is up slightly from bench mark. Dues and Subscriptions are paid up front so this line item is above the benchmark. Most of the categories that are above the benchmark are timing. Discussed the capital side CPA Rognan reported on page 16 which is a quick snapshot June 2018, showing an 3.5 million more than last year proposed reserve almost \$11 million. This will be almost one year in reserve. In 2014 the district was down to 39 days the team leadership. Pledge securities are all positive and well collateralized. His report gives detailed reports on the health of our three independent banks which all have good ratings. CPA Rognan reported through the month of June down a little from last year. CPA Rognan stated as always great team effort and continues to stay conservative. Director Hawkins thank CPA Rognan for his leadership

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Gilmore Bell 2014 remedial action certificate and restated close out was presented for signature. Director Grassmuck signed and it will be returned to Gilmore Bell for filing.

Officers Report:

Chief Marlo reported on large Hazmat incident last Friday. He also reported the Lake Saint Louis Alderman meeting went well to rezone Station 4.

Assistant Chief Schneider reported on a request for a Lending Library from the Wentzville Optimist Club to place a library box at Station 5. The Administration see no issues, but wanted the Boards' input, several other districts are participating in this type of library. Director Hawkins asked to run through Legal Counsel. The Board agreed to move forward with the lending library.

Deputy Chief LeDoux was absent.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported 676 inspections have been performed so far this year and 28 new occupancies. He shared that he and Inspector Mosher met with Wentzville School District to discuss the new

high school coming to the North West portion of the district. They will be doing the whole project at one time and plan to be in by 2021.

Battalion Chief Meyer discussed the Hazmat incident last Friday night. 60 locomotive batteries were in the back of a semi, which came to an abrupt halt, causing the batteries to slip and began leaking sulfuric acid. The Hazmat unit was brought in, Battalion Chief Meyer said it went as well as could be expected it was a six hour incident. He also mentioned an incident in Rivers Pointe where an electrical truck exploded, an incident that does not happen often. Chief Meyer reported he has been working on preparation for the County Fair. A pumper, brush truck and UTV from our district will be out there every evening along with mutual aid companies. Battalion Chief Meyer stated as of today crews have run 2467, on pace for 4512 calls this year. BC Meyer stated they ran 241 calls per year when he started.


Shop Steward Max Mueller was not present.

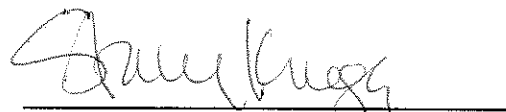
Captain Mark Dwyer reported all three Rosenbauers have head gasket leaks, it is all Cummins engines, and it is warranty work. The 9815 (2008 ladder truck) sale fell through, due to the mileage on the truck. He has a couple other options. Captain Dwyer stated he plans to get the bucket truck in service next week. Chairwoman Houston asked about the training the crews comfort level. Captain Dwyer stated the main drivers have had 12 hours of training to include night training.

The board had nothing to report.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to suspend the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. for 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 6:45 p.m. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary