



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 25, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 25, 2018 at Station 1 at 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385

Retiring Chief Mike Marlo led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Retiring Chief Marlo called the regular meeting to order at 6 pm

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

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

Also in attendance were Battalion Chief Joe Hutson and Shop Steward Max Mueller.

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda; 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 October 18, 2018; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Chairwoman Houston motioned to approve the closed meeting minutes of October 18, 2018; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. 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:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

No New Business

## **Officers Report:**

Retiring Chief Marlo reported that we had a phone conference with Moody's and he will let Chief Schneider report on that call.

Chief Schneider reported that the Moody's call went really well. We are very close to moving up in rating and we have a follow-up call on Tuesday regarding the outcome. November meeting dates were discussed as there are five Thursdays in November. CPA Rognan will present the proposed 2019 draft budget on 11/8 to be approved at the 12/13 meeting. Chairwoman Houston will be absent on 11/8, but will review the proposed budget prior to the meeting. The 11/1 meeting was moved to 9:30 a.m. There will be no meeting on 11/22. Chief Schneider also reported that the Fund Balance Policy is out of date and we are working with CPA Rognan to update that in the near future. Chief Schneider also reported that Battalion Chief Mike Scott filed for the AFG Grant today. We are asking for turnout gear for 1/3 of the Department and gear dryers for the stations.

Assistant Chief LeDoux reported on the crews doing annual pump and driver training this week. Chief LeDoux also reported on the status of obtaining prices for the forklift. He researched used and new forklifts. Forklift America has a lease program where we can lease it for \$299/month with a purchase price of \$18,000. District Attorney McLaughlin to review lease contract.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported on a meeting at Wentzville's School District Headquarters with Dr. Cain and police officers regarding school shootings. They will continue to work on procedures and keep the Board abreast. Fire Marshal Cuddihee also reported on the Senate Bill 870 language to add to our permits to ensure we receive all necessary tax payments. He also reported on upcoming activity that was presented at the Moody's call: GM is running 24 hours 6 days a week; Mastercard has 2500 employees and is adding 360 parking spaces; City of Wentzville had 500 new homes and 1200 new residents so far this year.

Battalion Chief Joe Hutson reported the crews are participating in pump and driver's training. Two crews have completed it already, and we have one more to go tomorrow. Next week we will be doing live burns with the county at Station 1.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

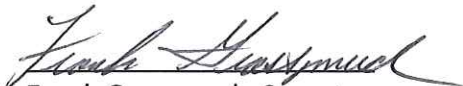
Shop Steward Max Mueller had nothing to report.

Committee reports: Mike Szarwinski reported that Community Outreach held a fundraiser at Friendship Brewery on 10/13 for Habitat for Humanity. They had a bags tournament raising more than \$1300 that will go towards the two homes being built on Wall Street. Community Outreach is also participating in a 5k Run on 10/27 with Little Black Book followed by a Trunk or Treat at Station 1. There will be games, hotdogs, chips, pumpkins, and candy for all registered participants.

Chairwoman Houston reported that she spoke with Rick regarding the Moody's call and he gave a positive report and she thanked everyone for their time and efforts in preparing for that call.

Chairwoman Houston motioned to suspend the Regular Meeting for Closed Session for Privileged Communications at 6:30 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The board returned to open session to announce they approved a \$4,000 wage increase for all District employees and 1% pension increase and 1% 457 match increase. The board adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Lisa Potts, Recording Secretary