



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of The Wentzville Fire Protection District of December 19, 2018

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

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Open Forum: No one was present.

Roll Call: Chief Schneider called roll. Three Board Members were present Chairwoman Jennifer Houston, Director Frank Grassmuck and Director Bob Hawkins.

Also in attendance were Chief John Schneider, Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chiefs Mike Scott and Joe Hutson as well as Shop Steward Max Mueller, Captain Mark Dwyer and Administrative Assistant Stacy Krieger

Chairwoman Houston made a motion to approve the agenda; 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 December 13, 2018; it was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Chairwoman Houston motioned to approve the closed meeting minutes of December 13, 2018; it 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 Grassmuck, the bills were approved as presented. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Old Business:

Approval of Labor Agreement with Firefighter Local 2665 under Ordinance #220. Chairwoman Houston motion to read Ordinance #220 in the short form, it was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye. Chief Schneider read: ORDINANCE NO. 220

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIREFIGHTERS PURSUANT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 2665 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF THE AGREEMENT IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS

There was no discussion. Chairwoman Houston motioned to read Ordinance #220 for a second reading in the short form. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye. Chief Schneider read: ORDINANCE NO. 220

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There was no discussion and Chairwoman Houston motioned to adopt Ordinance #220 approving the Labor Agreement with the Firefighters Local 2665. The motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

New Business:

Battalion Chief Huston was present to propose moving to the cloud for Telestaffing. Currently Telestaffing is in need of an upgrade. The upgrade is free, however if help is required to get it loaded to our server there is a cost of \$3,500. Currently Telestaffing is the only software the district uses on a server. All other platforms being used are cloud based. BC Huston has done a great deal of research and brought a proposal to move to the cloud with Telestaffing as well. Costs will be saved in paying to maintain (eventually replace) the server and in BC Hutson's time to coordinate backups and updates with Feathershark and Telestaffing. Telestaffing has been proven a useful tool and is valuable to the district. The cost to go to the cloud is an additional \$3,800 a year over the cost for the server based program. The cloud based version is new and consider a capital improvement. Chairwoman Houston stated she is good with the research that has been done, she would like Legal Counsel McLaughlin to review the contract for the cloud based system.

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider reported he judged a Christmas lighting ceremony with the Mayor and Representative Spencer off of Hwy Z and they wished the board a Merry Christmas. He also stated the closing on the Pearce property will be tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. He will contact everyone when it is complete. Chief Schneider also commended Tommy Shine and Mike Szarwinski for the great Santa Breakfast event. It was well attended and highly talked about. Chief Schneider also stated the Feathershark bill was held to be reworked to reflect changes if the board approved the moved to the cloud for Telestaffing and to also take a 4% discount for paying prior to January 15th.

Assistant Chief LeDoux stated he and the training committee have plotted out the training for next year.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee wished the board a Merry Christmas and stated the Fire Prevention Bureau has been very busy.

Battalion Chief Scott stated the crews were at 4612 calls for the year, 173 over last year. He also informed the board crew finished up thermal image camera training. BC Scott also stated the visit to the family went well last week as well.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.


Shop Steward Max Mueller wished the board Merry Christmas and looks forward to another year.

Committee Report: Captain Mark Dwyer reported he is with his truck budget, but did purchase 16 sets of tires. He also stated they will be picking up 9854 which will have a data recorder to try to pick up on the 509 code.

The board thanked everyone for another successful year.

Chairwoman Houston motioned to suspend the Regular Meeting for Closed Session for Privileged Communications and Real Estate at 9:17 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The board returned to open session and adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on a motion of Chairwoman Houston and a second of Director Hawkins. Chairwoman Houston-aye, Director Hawkins-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary