



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of July 16, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on July 16, 2020 via video conferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current CDC restrictions at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

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

Also, in attendance were Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Joe Hutson, and Shop Steward Max Mueller.

Director Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and second of Director Grassmuck, the June 25, 2020 Closed Meeting Minutes were approved. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 9, 2020; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and second of Director Grassmuck, the bills were approved. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye. There was discussion on the large groups of invoices being processed, this is due to the way they run through the approval process and how often members approval their series of invoices.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

No New Business

Officer Reports:

Chief Schneider gave an update on FF Kappen, he stated Battalion Chief Hutson and the guys in the shop have touched base with her. It is known that she will need treatment before returning to St. Louis. She was asked to keep the Chiefs and the shop informed. Chief Schneider stated he let her know she is in our thoughts and communication will remain open.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided a staffing report regarding COVID in the district. He stated the two positive cases have been released and returned to work and the three people on quarantine were also released without incident. He stated over the weekend, a family member of an employee underwent testing, which came back negative, and there has been another incident with a child being tested. The member is still waiting the test result to release back to normal. Chief LeDoux, also shared he processed the damage claim discussed at the last meeting.

Deputy Chief Scott stated he is working on a MEM grant. Chief Schneider, Assistant Chief LeDoux and Deputy Chief Scott met and decided to apply for the MEM grant to try to recoup some COVID expenses and purchase an additional UV lamp. Chief Schneider stated the district continues to rotate the one we have around.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee shared The Lang Insurance Group provided a nice lunch for the admin staff. He stated he worked through resolving issues with residential property coverage out off Bastean Road at the former Atkinson Home. He also reported Steve is on vacation.

Battalion Chief Hutson reported annual health physicals have started. He said they are moving forward, and good to go. Chief Schneider asked about the protocols regarding physicals. Battalion Chief Huston stated it will take a little more time due to segregating people for social distancing.


Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller nothing to report. He stated he hopes we are done with our bout of COVID. Everything else is good.

There was no board report.

Chief Schneider reminded the board next meeting is Wednesday, July 22nd at 6 p.m. He said the pension audits will be presented. Director Hawkins stated he will be out on July 30th.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary