



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of July 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on July 9, 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, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, 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.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 25, 2020; the motion was seconded by Director Houston. 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.

CPA Rognan presented the June financials. He started with good news; the preliminary snapshot of assessed valuation come up 113 million more. The district is over 2-billion-dollars in assessments. This is a 5.73% increase in assessment. He indicated the tax rate will stay the same generating \$764,000 more in revenue because of new construction. CPA Rognan stated the trends are still phenomenal. The preliminary number indicate Debt service to be at 11 cents. CPA Rognan informed the board he sees new construction slowing down in the next few years. He also stated next year is a reassessment year. CPA Rognan discussed the financial report for June, it is hard to believe we are halfway through

the year. Benchmark is 50% and the district is at 48.16% or 1.84% under budget, this is \$246,000 under budget. Historically the district is trending to stay under budget. 97.35% of the tax revenue has been collected. CPA Rognan stated building permits are a little slower and indicated the district may see commercial footprints for buildings beginning to decrease. The district has collected 61.91% for interest, and to not to be surprised if this line item is not met. CPA Rognan believes the district will still make the total revenue mark. As for expenses, building maintenance and cleaning is slightly more at 59.57%. He stated this is to be expected because of the necessary cleaning related to COVID. The computer service line item is at 97% which is where the district was last year at this time. Same for dues and subscriptions which is at 72%. Insurance employee is at 51.11% and 88.75% for insurance property casualty, these are timing related. Medical supplies are at 65.24% which is higher, and we will keep an eye on this. CPA Rognan stated the men and women of the district do a great job to the bottom line. CPA Rognan estimate 65-66% in reserves at the end of the year to be expected. He stated interest rates may go as low as zero. CPA Rognan stated calls are still down, he stated to keep in mind it will go back up 412, last 435, down 5% for the month.

#### Old Business:

Work Comp Renewal for 2020-2021 Chief Schneider shared information from MEM and 7710. Director Hawkins motioned to renewal with MEM starting 7/15/2020 for 12 months. Seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

#### New Business:

Chaplain Phil provided his second quarter report.

#### Officer Reports:

Chief Schneider briefed the board on the damage to 9815 which came in just under \$5,000. Chief Schneider's recommendation is to not file a claim, due to a \$2,500 deductible unless something crazy underlying occurs. The board agreed to get it fixed. Chief Schneider stated Dwyer will be looking into a piece for the bottom of the bucket. Chief Schneider stated he met with task force for the school district, they will go full force to open August 24<sup>th</sup>. On July 20<sup>th</sup> they will release the three plans. July 16<sup>th</sup> Director Houston stated she will be calling in and the meeting on July 23 is moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Director Hawkins may call in on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Chief Schneider stated CPA Rognan is scheduled for budget work later this fall.

Assistant Chief LeDoux has nothing for open

Deputy Chief Scott in audible.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was not present.

Battalion Chief Meyer did not have a report.

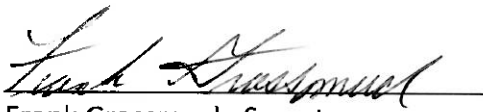
Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

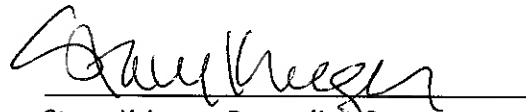
Shop Steward Mueller it has been a busy couple of weeks. He ran a call in Lincoln County and indicated Chief Marlo said hello.

There was no board report.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and second of Director Grassmuck the regular meeting was suspended for closed session of personnel at 6:19 p.m. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The board returned to open session and on a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary