



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of September 3, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on September 3, 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, as well as Deputy Chief Michael Scott.

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 August 27, 2020; the motion was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

There was no discussion regarding the bills presented. Director Hawkins motioned to approve the bills as presented. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Chief Schneider presented Deferral Directive IRS Notice 2020-65. He stated he has spoken with CPA Rognan, Legal Counsel McLaughlin as well as Shop Steward Max Mueller regarding this directive. It is a signed directive by the President allowing people who make under \$4000 biweekly to be eligible to defer social security until the end of the year and then pay back the first quarter of next year. The above individuals discussed there is no real advantage because those who would choose to defer will have to double up at the beginning of the year to

repay. Guidance has been given by the IRS and companies can choose to opt in or out. The recommendation from Chief Schneider CPA Rognan, Legal Counsel McLaughlin and Shop Steward Max Mueller would be to opt out of this notice. The board agreed that it is not advantageous to the district and Director Hawkins motioned to opt out as a district from the Deferral Directive IRS Notice 2020-65. It was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Officer Reports:

Chief Schneider received an emotional, positive message on Facebook from a resident indicating her son performed the Heimlich and saved his sister. The son was asked how he knew to do this and told his mom he learned it in Kids Fire Camp. Chief Schneider and Bryan Notheis will be interviewing the mom next week, she wants to share her story. Also, next week the district will be setting the tax rate a public zoom link has been established.

Assistant Chief LeDoux gave an update on staffing relating to COVID guidelines. Nothing new to report.

Deputy Chief Scott stated he is still watching grant stuff. We should hear from MEM between now and October. He also stated the training division has been hosting 1403 class while practicing social distancing and sanitation of the room. He also indicated our training room has been helping the State facilitate testing.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was not present.

Battalion Chief Chris Browder was not present.

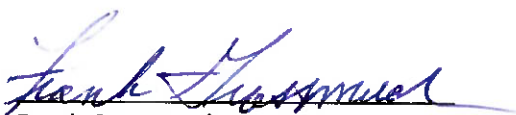
Legal Counsel McLaughlin nothing to report.

Shop Steward Mueller was not present.

Committee Report: nothing to report.

The board decided not to have a meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> due to 5 Thursdays. Chief Schneider reminded the board that on October 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Pension Board Meeting. He also stated there could be additional Pension Board Meeting scheduled in between due to time sensitive matters.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. Director Hawkins -aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary