



Minutes of the Tax Hearing Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of September 10, 2020

The Tax Hearing of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on September 10, 2020 at Station 1 at 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385.

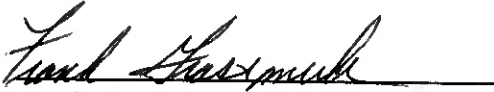
Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.


Director Hawkins motioned to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the Public Hearing Packet. He explained the notice of the hearing was published per statute requirements. Real Estate Assessments are at 1,734,491,099 up 4.70% from last year. Personal Property Assessments are at \$363,966,855, up 12.35% from last year. For a combined assessment increase of 5.95%. New construction is up 33.66% over last year. The growth in the district continues. Tax rates general fund stays the same at .6734, Debt Service can be brought from 11 cents to 10 cents. For a total tax rate of .7734 per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation. As growth goes up tax rates come down. The general fund will produce an additional \$793,147 in revenue, while the district has voluntarily rolled back debt service for a decrease in revenue of \$80,285. Total revenue does increase by \$712,862 or 4.59%. The total assessed value for the district is \$2,087,457,954. CPA Rognan stated the district is currently the largest in St. Charles County, and if growth continues, we could be the largest in the State of Missouri. CPA Rognan commended the growth of district and the board for voluntarily rolling back the debt service collection. Indicating the district could have levied .1619 cents but has chosen to reduce the tax by .0619. There is a Resolution to be adopted in the regular meeting for collection of .6734 cents for the general fund and .1000 for the debt service fund. CPA Rognan also stated Senate bill 870 was reiterated in the resolution. He has proved a grid for resident to show the cost of the tax rates in accordance with home values. CPA Rognan recommended to open the floor for comments to proposed tax rate and resolution. Chief Schneider asked CPA Rognan to provide an updated grid increasing the top level to \$750,000 and to provide calculations for commercial levels as well. Commercial property is calculated at 30% per \$100 of assessed value and residential is calculated at 19% per \$100 of assessed value. He stated he wanted to be prepared for questions if they arise. Director Houston stated she would like to see this information shared on the website, reflecting the voluntary roll back of .0619 cents to the residents. The board agreed to wanting explanations on difference between commercial and residential calculations.

Open Forum: The floor was opened for any resident to comment on the tax rate proposed and information given. No one from the public was present.

Director Hawkins motioned and Director Grassmuck seconded to adjourn the tax hearing meeting at 6:16 p.m. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary