



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 15, 2020 was held via video conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic and current CDC restrictions.

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:50 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, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Acting Battalion Chief Dave Krieger, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin, and CPA Rick Rognan.

Director Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; it was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 1, 2020; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

There was no discussion on the bills. Director Hawkins motioned to the approves as presented. Director Houston seconded. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the September Financials. CPA Rognan informed the board the tax rates have been certified by the county and state auditor, so the district has met compliance. He stated the budget process with the committee has begun and a draft budget will be presented November 12th. CPA Rognan said there is always great participation at these budget meetings. He presented the September financials indicating the benchmark is nine months or 75%. The district is at 72.45%. 2.55% under budget or \$341,000, job well done. Historical calculations show the district is trending to be under budget for the year. CPA Rognan went through revenues and expenses, stating the district will make the mark for revenue. Interest may not come in where budgeted due to low rates. Currently revenue is at 99.3%, the good news we will make budget revenue. Wages/unscheduled OT is slightly up but this is an unusual year. He stated cleaning supplies are slightly ahead as are computer service. COVID has required more technology and an attention to cleanliness. Professional

fees, slightly higher as well. He indicated should the district spend the entire budget, there will still be approximately 70% in reserve at the end of the year. CPA Rognan stated the district's call volume is down 9% from last year.

Old Business:

No old business to report.

New Business:

No new business

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider updated the board on the 911 outage from Monday indicating the two backups failed and dispatch missed 16 calls. They were able to pull up 14 of them but 2 were untraceable. They are working with Motorola on how to prevent in the future. A final report will come next Friday. CPA Rognan touched on the dates, for the budget process indicating a draft will be presented on November 12th, and approval will be requested on December 10th. Chief Schneider stated the district is waiting on Healthcare costs, HM will be in with the benefits committee. He stated the district may be looking at big increases, will have to look at ways to reduce risk and bring the number in line.

Assistant Chief LeDoux reported he and the Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee have been working to prepare stations for winter. He also reported Employee COVID report is clear.

Deputy Chief Scott was not present.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee nothing to report.

Acting Battalion Chief Krieger informed the board that the videos for social media are going well and the crews have done a great job creating them. He stated crews are staying busy and keeping everything clean.

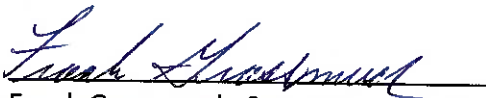
Legal Counsel McLaughlin had nothing to report.

Shop Steward Mueller had nothing to report.

No Committee Report

No Board Report

There was no board report and on a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary