



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 22, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 22, 2020 was held via video conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic and current CDC restrictions.

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 and Deputy Chief Michael Scott.

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 15, 2020; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Old Business:

No old business to report.

New Business:

No new business

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider reported on CARES Act money available through the county. He stated the district has submitted for these funds and was able to include all cleaning supplies, UV lamp, and time for members exposed or off for COVID up to 80 hours of straight time pay. The amount submitted was for March 1-September 30. Going forward the district will submit monthly until CARES Funding runs out. Chief Schneider

thanked everyone for the excellent record keeping which made the process easy. He stated the budget process is well underway, and in good shape so far. Still waiting on healthcare numbers. The committee met with Kevin Cunneen from HM. Chief Schneider stated UHC is proposing a 32% increase therefore the district is looking at other options. Cigna has declined to bid. Anthem is coming in with an 18.2% increase, which the committee feels is still too high. Chief Schneider indicated the committee will have a good idea at next week's board meeting and are hoping for under a 10% increase. Chief Schneider did discuss with a couple of neighboring fire district outside our HM broker loop, and they are looking at 38% increases. Chief Schneider stated Shop Steward Mueller is also on board with the negotiations on behalf of the shop. More will come on healthcare cost at the next meeting.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided an update for COVID staffing.

Deputy Chief Scott stated on the training side, he is getting everyone looped in on the EMS program. He also stated members are working on Blue Card Command this week and live burn training with neighboring departments.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee off this evening.

Battalion Chief Browder was out on calls.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

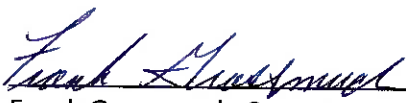
Shop Steward Mueller was not present.

Chief Schneider reported Mike Szarwinski and members of the Community Outreach worked with Dr. Cain and other leaders of the school district to sort coats and prepare them for distribution to the schools.

No Board Report

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck the meeting was suspended for closed session- personnel at 6:13 p.m. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The Board returned to open session at 6:22 p.m. and on a motion of Director Hawkins and second of Director Grassmuck the meeting was adjourned. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary