

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 26, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, in the Board Room located in the Administration Building, 111 Laura K Drive, O'Fallon, MO. Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice of said meeting had been provided at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by posting the meeting time in the case on the outside wall of the Administrative Offices. The following Directors were present: Director Bill Laughlin, Director Matt Simmons, and Director Matt Gober. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Battalion Chief Andy Parrish, Shop Steward Cpt Eric Johnston, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorney Neil Bruntrager; and Rick Rognan, CPA

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vineyard followed by the reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

Director Laughlin made a motion to amend the Agenda by adding *Item d. District Newsletter* and *Item e. American Legion Awards Ceremony*, under New Business, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

Director Laughlin asked for any questions or comments regarding the Board meeting Minutes of September 28, October 12, and October 18, 2017. There being none, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of September 28, 2017, and Regular Board Work Session of October 12, 2017, and Special Board Meeting of October 18, 2017 as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

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Director Gober stated a general checking account balance of \$1,935,320.44.

There were no questions. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve payment of bills as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Vineyard stated that Andy Klein donated \$1,000.00 to the District's Honor Guard. Since the District fully funds its Honor Guard, the Honor Guard agreed that the District's Firefighters Community Outreach program could better benefit from this donation as they use funds to assist District citizens in need.

Shop Steward Johnston read a letter from O'Fallon Professional Firefighters, Local 2665 stating their intent to enter into negotiations with the District.

Administrative Assistant Lucido read the following correspondence:

1. A card from teachers at Westhoff Elementary thanking Captain Emge, and Engineers Russ Hubert and Jeff Smith for visiting their school and teaching the Kindergarten students about fire safety.
2. A card from Mr. Ted Heisel thanking District firefighters for their search and rescue efforts in trying to locate his missing son.
3. A letter from Engineer Neil Fredrick-Safety Day Chairman, thanking the Board, chief officers and firefighters/staff of the District for their help in planning and carrying out the District's annual October Safety Day event held at Kohl's parking lot.
4. An email from Ms. Bextermueller, thanking the District for providing the October Safety Day event that is free to the public, and "a wonderful family event."
5. An email from Ms. Salvo of JL Mudd Elementary School thanking the chief officers and firefighters who participated in their Reading Day event.

Director Laughlin thanked the Shop for purchasing a Table for Keira's event, and thanked everyone who helped with the Senior Center Mouse Race event.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding Station Renovations. Per Chief Vineyard: Station #5: There were issues with the shower size and a solution has been worked out with Layneco; the ADA shower is okay as is. Issues with Solar Panel conduit having to be moved - Layneco is working with Warren Electric to have this done. Station #1: Waiting on contract to be signed by Layneco and returned. Station #4: Weis dropped off preliminary drawings which will be reviewed.

There was further discussion regarding the Firefighter-EMT/P Hiring Process. Chief Vineyard stated the written test for applicants is set for October 31; there will be 87 applicants testing.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Rognan gave the District's Financial Review through the month of September 2017. The District's tax collection is up; vehicle maintenance is over budget; anticipate District Reserves at \$3 million. The District has experienced 47 less fire calls than last year, but have responded to 99 more EMS calls, which is why the District is in the process of hiring 12 additional Firefighter EMT-P's. Projections are that the District will stay under budget for 2017, and is financially very healthy. Attorney Bruntrager commended Mr. Rognan on the services he provides for the District.

Director Laughlin announced that the District will hold an election for one Board of Director Seat, 6 year term, in the April 2018 Election. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to read Resolution 2017-09 by Title only, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

Director Simmons read: "Resolution 2017-09: A Resolution by the Board of Directors of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District, a Fire Protection District of St. Charles County, Missouri, to Hold an Election for One Director to the Board of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District and to establish a filing fee."

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve Resolution 2017-09 as presented, attached as Exhibit I, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

Assistant Chief Moore stated that the District's health insurance is up for renewal and the current provider is quoting an initial 22% increase in premium. The District has gone out for underwriting to obtain a quote from Anthem. Chief Moore discussed the various options available to the District to help with bringing down premium costs.

Chief Vineyard stated Unicom-Arc is now publishing the District's newsletter. Previously the newsletter was sent to 8,000 residents, but he is recommending we try to reach 37,000 citizens to inform as many as our residents as possible on the ongoing events of the District. Chief Vineyard is working with other departments who also use Unicom-Arc to go in on printing costs to help bring the cost of the newsletter down.

Chief Vineyard stated that the American Legion is honoring Firefighter of the Year, Engineer Tom Vogelgesang, at a dinner to be held at Cornerstone Church, November 20, at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:40 p.m. to go into Closed Session after a 10 minute break, under Section 610.021 (1) Legal Actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys, (2) Sale of real estate by a public government body, and (13) Individual Personnel Records, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

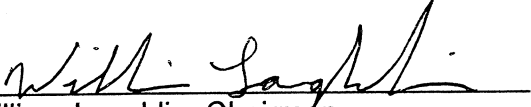
Director Laughlin announced the next Board Work Session is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

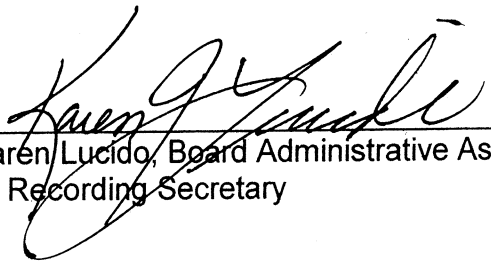
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A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Karen Lucido, Board Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary

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A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI TO HOLD AN ELECTION FOR ONE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH A FILING FEE

WHEREAS: O'Fallon Fire Protection District shall have one director's term expire in 2018, and

WHEREAS: O'Fallon Fire Protection District is required by law under 321.210 RSMo, to hold an election to fill a director's position upon the expiration of a Director's term on the First Tuesday of April 2018, and

WHEREAS: The term for a director of the District shall be for a period of six (6) years as prescribed by state law, and

WHEREAS: A General Municipal Election shall be held on April 3, 2018, and

WHEREAS: O'Fallon Fire Protection District is required under 321.210 RSMo, to set the filing fee for candidates for the position of Director at an amount up to the amount of a candidate for state representative as set forth under section 115.357.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI

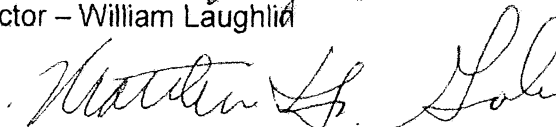
- Section 1. An election shall be held on the 3rd day of April 2018 for the purpose of electing a director for a six (6) year term of office.
- Section 2. Notice of the Election shall be given to the public.
- Section 3. The Filing Fee for Candidates is hereby set at \$50.00.

Resolution approved this 26 day of October, 2017

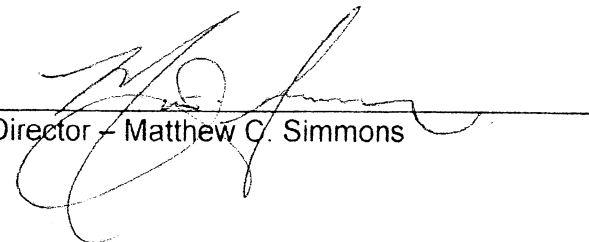
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Director - William Laughlin



Director - Matthew F. Gober



Director - Matthew C. Simmons