

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 26, 2019**

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the Administration Building Board Room, 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 Gober, and Director Matt Simmons. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Battalion Chief Eric Johnston, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorney Neil Bruntrager, Attorney Jon Bruntrager

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of August 22, 2019, and Regular Board Work Session and Public Hearing of September 12, 2019, as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated current checking account balance of \$1,519,069.49. There being no questions, a motion was made by Director Laughlin to pay bills as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Approved at 10-24-19 Board Mtg

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Vineyard read a letter from East Canada Creek Fire Department, New York, thanking him and the District for their help in purchasing the 2007 Ladder Truck and facilitating its transport to their District; they were very pleased with the truck.

Director Simmons congratulated the Volunteers for holding a successful annual firefighter family picnic. He thanked the Honor Guard for the challenge coins they received in appreciation of the Board's support of the Honor Guard.

Directors Laughlin and Gober expressed their regrets for not being able to attend recent District events due to family commitments.

Ms. Lucido read a card from a citizen that Battalion Chief Emge assisted on his day off while she was passing through O'Fallon. He noticed an issue with her tires which he fixed prior to her safely continuing her travels.

Assistant Chief Moore announced that October 1, 2019 is the O'Fallon Firefighter's Community Outreach first golf fundraiser; there are 30 teams currently signed up and this event is expected to be very successful. The District's annual Fire Safety Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 6.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding Station #1's roof repair. Assistant Chief Vomund stated the roofers tore Station #1's roof off this week, and there were many boards in bad shape. He explained how several rows of the boards were laid vertical and not horizontal and was uncertain if that didn't contribute to the roof's buckling, as well as part of the roof is blocked off so one side has no ventilation, and insulation was blown in that is covering the soffits. A turbine was installed for air-flow. Fire Marshal Morrison will look at the interior wall to see if it can be opened to give more air flow. Discussion held as to who is responsible for the architectural plans and/or building of the roof in that manner. Attorney Bruntrager noted the Statute of Repose, and Attorney Jon Bruntrager will look at the roof with Assistant Chief Vomund. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

There was further discussion regarding the new ladder truck delivery delay. Chief Vineyard stated he received a letter from E-One stating their position, and giving a new arrival date for the truck of January 2020 with a 3-year bumper to bumper warranty. He stated interest accrued on the District's down-payment will be approximately \$32,000 that will be credited to the District.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard reviewed the revised College Tuition & Seminar Attendance/ travel policy. He stated LMC is recommending approval; the proposed changes were posted with no employee comments. He stated policy changes clarified travel days and returning to work after attending a seminar or training event. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve revised Policy #253 – College Tuition & Seminar Attendance Policy as submitted; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign policy, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Chief Vineyard reviewed the proposed 2020 Preliminary Budget and individual budget requests, stating salary and wages increased due to hiring of 6 firefighter-paramedics and contractual obligations; the new ladder truck vehicle purchase amount of \$600,000 was put in the 2020 budget; initially we were to receive the new ladder truck this year. Assistant Chief Vomund said a new pick-up truck for the fire marshal was included in this budget. Chief Vineyard stated Health Insurance and Worker Comp numbers will not be received until November. Discussion held. Board members will review the budget and budget requests for further discussion at the October 10 Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:30 p.m. to go into Closed Session after a 10 minute break, under Section 610.021 (1) Legal Actions involving a public governmental body and confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys, (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public government body; and (13) individually identifiable 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 8:02 p.m., 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.

During the Closed Session the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the 2-year Captain's Promotional list as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.


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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant