

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 23, 2020**

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 23, 2020, 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, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Asst. Shop Steward Captain Darren Daly, Engineers Kevin Davis and Kelly Ennis, Firefighter Kyle Chadwell, Jr. Firefighter TJ Ennis, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido. Assistant Chief Brian Moore was excused.

The following guests were present: None

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 December 30, 2019, Regular Board Work Session of January 9, 2020, and Special Board Meeting of January 22, 2020, 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 \$11,780,619.00. 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 2-27-20 Board Mtg

Chief Vineyard stated most of the cash balance above will be placed in investments next week.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Vineyard thanked everyone who supported Battalion Chief Mel Emge and his wife, Captain Mary Emge, and their family through his illness and funeral. The members of the fire service did an outstanding job.

Director Laughlin stated it was honor and privilege to work with District firefighters and members and was proud of the wonderful send-off Battalion Chief Emge was given.

Director Simmons stated he was proud of and impressed with District employees who all came together for Battalion Chief Emge and his family.

Director Gober stated he was very impressed how District firefighters and members came together for Battalion Chief Emge and his family, and how they supported each other.

Fire Marshal Morrison stated his appreciation of the Board of Directors and their support of all Fire District members.

Acting Captain Kevin Davis thanked the Board Members and Chief Vineyard for supporting the Honor Guard and allowing them to assist at firefighter funerals and events.

Engineer Kelly Ennis thanked Chief Vineyard for taking care of the crewmembers who responded and assisted Battalion Chief Emge.

Assistant Chief Moore and Battalion Chief Parrish were attending the ceremony being held at City Hall this evening, commending Engineers Doug Ellis and Matt Chapman for a water rescue event that they and their crewmembers, Captain Jones and Engineer Janes worked several weeks ago, along with an O'Fallon Police Officer. Chief Vineyard stated the victim that was trapped in the vehicle was pulled to safety moments before the vehicle was swept away.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding Station #1's roof repair. Assistant Chief Vomund stated Paric representative, Chris Malone could not find anything about which way to lay decking, but his opinion was that \$6,000-\$7,000 repair costs were not worth a lawsuit with Lamb Construction. Chief Vineyard said he forwarded that email to Attorney Bruntrager for review, and that basically everyone passed the buck on this. Board Members expressed frustration that no one would take responsibility, and that Lamb Construction wouldn't talk to the District, though they roofed Station #1.

There was further discussion about the new Ladder Truck. Assistant Chief Vomund stated he and committee members went to the plant to view the truck and make sure it was being built to spec. At that time, the company indicated the truck was on schedule for January 31, 2020 completion. The next week after returning, he received an email from the company stating the truck would not be ready until mid to end of March. Discussion held about this delay. Chief Vineyard will discuss this development with Attorney Bruntrager.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Marshal Morrison stated that he reviewed the plans for the Turtle Creek Development (The Falls); initially they did not have 20' roads, but they revised the plans, expanding all roads to 20', so the District has no objection to the plans. He was unsure whether O'Fallon City had the plans yet.

Chief Vineyard stated that Fire Marshal Morrison's term on the Pension Board was up; no other Administration member indicated interest in filling the position; however, Mr. Morrison stated he would serve another term. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to appoint Mark Morrison to a 2-year term on the O'Fallon Fire Protection District's Pension Board, effective January 2020, 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.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:20 p.m. to go into Closed Session, 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; 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 7:25 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.

During the Closed Session, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve moving forward with the Battalion Chief Promotional Process, 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.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 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 7:26 p.m.


William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant