

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 27, 2020

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 27, 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, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Battalion Chief Andy Parrish, Captain Chris Jones, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, Engineers Tim Janes, Matt Chapman, Doug Ellis, and Firefighters Jeff Woodson, Levi Ammons, Alex Wetteroth, Brett Tichenor, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorney Neil 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 January 23, 2020, and Regular Board Work Session of February 13, 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 \$1,717,400.03. 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.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Simmons stated he had a wonderful time at the Mouse Race benefit for St. Baldrick's, and thanked Eng. Tom Vogelgesang and all who helped put this together. Directors Laughlin and Gober stated they were out of town, but heard this event was very successful and congratulated all on a job well done.

Director Simmons congratulated Battalion Chief Parrish on receiving the VFW First Responder Award.

Ms. Lucido read the following communications:

1. A card from Keith and Judy Hargrove, thanking the IAFF Shop members for their monetary gift to help them rebuild after suffering a house fire.
2. A card from the family of Battalion Chief Mel Emge, thanking District members for the flowers and expressions of sympathy.
3. A card from the Ralph Pieper, retired OFPD Board member, family thanking District members for the flowers and expressions of sympathy, and for attending Mr. Pieper's service.
4. A card from The Community Council Staff & Board, welcoming the District as a member supporting their mission of creating a stronger healthier, more compassionate community.
5. A card from the Brrrr Bash Committee, thanking District members for supporting the Brrrr Bash Fire & Ice Event which was very successful, enabling them to fill a 56' semi-trailer with toys for less fortunate children in our community.

Captain Jones thanked the Board and Chiefs on behalf of himself and crewmembers for allowing them to attend the funeral services for a Louisville, KY Firefighter who was killed, along with her daughter and other companions, in an automobile accident in O'Fallon, that he, his crew and other crewmembers worked. The accident scene was grim and it helped them through their grieving process. Engineer Tim Janes stated it was very healing to be able to attend the funeral. Engineer Matt Chapman stated it helped him through this, especially with Chief Vineyard and Battalion Chief Parrish's assistance. Engineer Doug Ellis thanked the

Board for bringing in Chief Vineyard, Assistant Chief Moore, and Battalion Chief Parrish, who helped him through this.

Director Laughlin, speaking for the Board, thanked the firefighters for being the men and women they are, and assisting the community 24/7 no matter the situation. Battalion Chief Parrish stated these crews have had a tough couple of years attending to traumatic events; and thanked the Chief and Board for continuing to lift his crewmembers up.

Battalion Chief Parrish stated that the Firefighters Community Outreach organization is holding their annual fundraiser, Trivia Night, March 20, 2020.

Director Laughlin stated that the O'Fallon Historical Society is putting on an exhibit of O'Fallon Fire Department; Assistant Chief Moore will be attending.

Assistant Chief Moore stated that Outreach's Scholarships are out and posted at the 5 District high schools; recommended sharing it.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding the new Ladder Truck. Chief Vineyard stated the truck was in production.

There was further discussion regarding RFP 2020-01-Station #4 Bay Floor bids. Chief Vineyard stated he and Assistant Chief Vomund recommend refinishing the bay floors in one session as it will be cheaper than splitting the work into 2 sessions. Assistant Chief Vomund reviewed the 3 bids received and opened at the previous Board Meeting. Paintsmith's was the cheapest bid (\$27,700.00), they failed to supply references. Stonhard had a complete bid, and was the highest bid (\$34,395.00). Missouri Terrazo's had a complete bid, their work is known from previous work at District Fire Stations, and their bid was (\$29,611.75). Chief Vineyard and Assistant Chief Vomund recommended Missouri Terrazo as the best qualified bidder for the lowest price. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve Missouri Terrazo's bid for Station #4 Bay Floor finishing as the best qualified bidder for the lowest price per the terms of their bid in response to RFP 2020-01 in the amount of \$29,611.75, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard stated that a promotional process for battalion chief needs to begin, and reviewed the revisions to the current Battalion Chief Promotional Process policy recommended by Labor Management. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve revised SOP110.02-Battalion Chief Promotional Process policy as recommended and presented, 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.

Chief Vineyard reviewed the Grooming Policy's proposed revisions and explained the rationale for the changes. He stated Labor Management is recommending these changes. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the recommended changes to SOP 227-Grooming policy 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.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:25 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; (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 7:37 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.

Approved at 3-26-20 Board Mtg

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 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 7:38 p.m.



 William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


 Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
 Board Administrative Assistant

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