

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 11, 2020

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020, via Zoom video conference to follow social distancing guidelines of COVID-19. 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 Andy Parrish, Battalion Chief Rick Miller, Captain Matt Braile, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, Firefighter Brett Tichenor, Firefighter Jeff Woodson, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

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

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

Director Laughlin congratulated Director Simmons on his re-election to the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Rick Rognan, CPA, reviewed his monthly financial report for month ended May 2020 that included: Overall budget shows 8.5% over budget, but that is due to expenses paid at the beginning of year, and insurance and worker comp premiums are up from 2019, however, revenue and building permits are up and the District is projected to end 2020 under budget. Reserves are estimated to be increased by approximately \$2.5 million by the end of the year due to expenses being kept low. Calls are down approximately 16% compared to 2019, mainly due to changed run cards, and reduced EMS calls due to less traffic/travel, and citizens hesitant to go to the hospital due to COVID-19. Anticipate all calls will climb substantially as the

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County opens up. Chief Vineyard stated that the new E-One Ladder Truck is completely paid for, and a new Chevy Truck for the Fire Marshal is on order costing approximately \$35-\$40,000.00. \$900,000.00 was transferred into General Reserves as discussed at the last meeting.

Chief Vineyard stated that the Bond Refinancing that was previously approved by the Board was put on hold when COVID hit. Joy Howard is recommending moving forward as bond rates are very good now, which will give the District significant savings. Discussion held. Consensus from the Board to continue moving forward with bond refinancing.

Chief Vineyard stated a 6-month CD matured May 28, and he recommended renewing it with Stifel. Discussion held. Consensus from the Board to renew the bond with Stifel for 3 months.

Chief Vineyard stated that quotes are being obtained for purchase and installation of an awning for Station #4; one quote was received from Sunsetters for approximately \$5,100.00

Assistant Chief Vomund stated that Station #4's bay floors are almost completed, and look very good.

Assistant Chief Vomund stated that the new E-One Ladder truck with the SAM system installed went into service today and ran its first call. Everything is working smoothly.

LABOR MANAGEMENT

Assistant Chief Moore stated EMS reporting was moved from Zoll to ERS, eliminating approximately \$4,000.00 per year in fees.

Chief Vineyard stated that Labor Management met via Zoom and has been reviewing possible revisions to the Maternity and Shift Picks policies.

OPERATIONS

Chief Vineyard reviewed the District's COVID-19 demobilization Plan for Phase I opening; the governor is lifting all restrictions and he is reviewing that to see what procedures will actually be in place. COVID-19 numbers are being watched after the protests. Decisions will be made on what restrictions to maintain and which ones to lift.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Shop Steward Johnston stated that contract negotiations are scheduled to begin in July.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gober. Unanimous consent to Adjourn:

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 7:31 p.m.

William Laughlin

 William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Lucido

 Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
 Board Administrative Assistant