

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

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, via Zoom Meeting due to 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 Chiefs Andy Parrish, and Matt Braile, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, District employees, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorneys Neil Bruntrager and 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 July 23, 2020, Regular Board Work Session of August 13, 2020, and Special Board Meeting of August 20, 2020 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a current checking account balance of \$1,560,649.77.

There being no comments or 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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Chief Vineyard stated that Creative Entourage has provided a quote to put together a video on Proposition F. Their film will not endorse the proposition, just provide information and educate the public on the issues. Since mail-in ballots begin mid to late September, getting information out to the public quickly is important. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve Creative Entourage's proposal to provide video education to the public regarding Proposition F in the amount of \$6,150.00; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign proposal, 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 stated the District applied for reimbursement under the Cares Act and received an \$18,000 reimbursement for personal protective equipment/EMS, and cleaning supplies; overtime is not reimbursable.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Shop Steward Johnston stated since the firefighters cannot participate in the annual MDA fill the boot event this year due to COVID-19, the IAFF 2665 Shop voted to donate \$5,000.00 to MDA. The 2021 shift picks are completed. He and several Shop members are meeting with Cottleville Firefighters regarding Proposition F. He will have Shop items ready for negotiations with the Board in September.

Admin. Assistant Lucido read the following correspondence:

1. An email to Chief Vineyard from Cottleville Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Rusty Shelton, thanking B-4 crew for responding to a cardiac event at his home, where their quick actions saved his life. He is doing well and is expecting to return to work in the near future.

Chief Vineyard stated that Engineer Mike Knipping was deployed with Task Force One responding to Hurricane Laura.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding COVID-19 Demobilization Plan. Chief Vineyard stated the District is continuing to follow the same rules as we have in the past few months; currently there are no members out with COVID.

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There was further discussion regarding bond refinancing. Chief Vineyard stated Joy Howard received the final Audit from Mr. Kummer, who will formally review the Audit at the District's September 10, 2020 meeting. Ms. Howard is requesting Board approval to move forward prior to the September 10th meeting. Discussion held. Attorney Bruntrager recommended that nothing move forward until the September 10 Audit review is completed and approved by the Board. . Board consensus to wait until after the September 10th Board Meeting prior to approving of moving forward with bond refinancing. Chief Vineyard clarified that Joy Howard is handling the District's annual filing with the SEC, as well as the bond refinancing.

There was further discussion regarding the Annual Audit. Chief Vineyard stated Mr. Kummer will present the District's annual audit at the September 10, 2020 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard stated he previously notified the Board of a Thermal Imaging Camera purchase that would allow crewmembers on each truck to carry a small version of the Thermal Imaging Camera when on a call, and requested ratification of this purchase. He reviewed the capabilities of the cameras. Assistant Chief Vomund received a \$200 per camera discount that was valid for a short time; from \$699.00 each to \$499.00 each. This is a critical life saving tool for all firefighters. Discussion held on the costs and feature of these cell-phone-sized cameras. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to ratify the purchase of 8, Seek Reveal Fire PRO thermal imaging cameras with gear keeper from Municipal Emergency Services for a total amount of \$4,232.00, per MES' quote dated August 5, 2020; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign proposal, 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.

Assistant Chief Vomund thanked the Board, stating this is an important safety issue for our firefighters.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

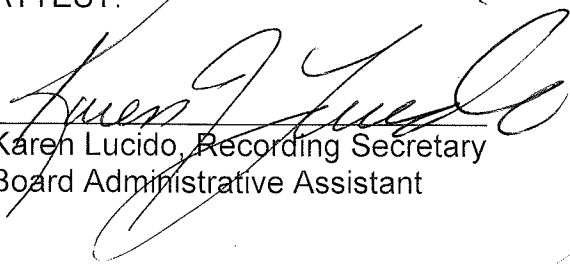
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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