

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 22, 2020

Approved at 11-24-20 Board Mtg

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 22, 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 (7:16 p.m.). The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Battalion Chiefs Andy Parrish, and Matt Braile, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, Captain Darren Daly, District employees, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorney Jon Bruntrager, Joy Howard, and Attorney Mark Grimm of Gilmore & Bell.

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 September 24, 2020, and the Regular Board Work Session of October 8, 2020 as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober,
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Simmons
Motion declared and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a current checking account balance of \$2,047,843.75. There being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Director Laughlin to pay bills as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober,
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Simmons
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Gober stated he received informational flyers regarding the District's Proposition F, and commended Chief Vineyard on their clear explanation of the issue.

Director Laughlin thanked everyone for reaching out to him and for their well wishes in the past few weeks.

Administrative Assistant Lucido read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Greater St. Louis Area Fire Chiefs Association to Chief Vineyard stating that the Association will honor Unit 9142 Captain Chris Jones, Engineer Tim James, FF/EMTP Matt Chapman and FF/EMT Doug Ellis with a Class VII Unit Citation for their quick and professional actions on January 10, 2020 in the swift water rescue of an occupant trapped in a submerged vehicle off Bryan Road; and a Class I Gold Medal awarded to FF/EMTP Chapman and FF/EMT Ellis.

Chief Vineyard stated after January and when COVID-19 is better controlled, he would have some kind of ceremony to present these and other awards to District employees.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Chief Vineyard requested Joy Howard review today's sale. Ms. Howard reviewed the bid process, stating that 3 bids were received, with the winning bid: Piper-Sandler & Co, Minneapolis, MN, having a true interest cost of 1.015763; much better than she had estimated. In March Ms. Howard estimated savings to the District of approximately \$447,000, but with this bid, actual savings to the District and its taxpayers is \$593,279.56. Attorney Mark Grimm acted as Bond Counsel for this refunding. Director Laughlin thanked Ms. Howard and Attorney Grimm for all their hard work and time they put into obtaining the best outcome for the District. Attorney Grimm stated Ms. Howard did a wonderful job of getting such a great interest rate for the District. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve Resolution 2020-06 authorizing and directing the issuance, sale, and delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 of O'Fallon Fire Protection District,

as presented; resolution attached as Exhibit I, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober,
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Simmons
Motion declared and carried.

There was further discussion regarding Proposition F. Chief Vineyard stated that information about this proposition has been placed on the District's website, social media, and mailings explaining the proposition and why it is necessary; this is information only, nothing indicating which way to vote on it. Several videos have also been posted. He has not received much negative feedback and is giving explanations as questions arise from District citizens.

There was further discussion regarding the Preliminary 2021 Budget. Chief Vineyard stated there is nothing new to update until firm health insurance numbers are received and negotiations are completed.

There was further discussion regarding COVID-19 Demobilization Plan. Chief Vineyard stated there is one employee out currently due to COVID-19 exposure, and everyone else is back at work. All precautions remain in place with stations being locked down and no tours or outside public relations events. The District is putting together a drive-through trick-or-treat event at Stations 1, 4, and 5 for Halloween, where vehicles can drive through the bays and the firefighters hand a bag of candy; cars would not be allowed to stop and firefighters would be wearing PPE. Assistant Chief Moore is spearheading this event.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Director Simmons joined the zoom meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Director Laughlin made a motion to go into closed session at 7:17 p.m. under RSMo 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, 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.

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A motion was made at 7:28 p.m. by Director Laughlin to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, 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, November 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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 7:29 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

EXHIBIT I

RESOLUTION 2020-06 regarding the authorizing and directing the issuance, sale, and delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 of the of O'Fallon Fire Protection District, is on file with the District.