

Approved at 4-22-21 Board Meeting

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 25, 2021

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, 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, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Battalion Chief Andy Parrish, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, Captain Mike Alcorn, Firefighter Brett Tichenor, numerous District employees, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido. Assistant Chief Brian Moore was excused due to working as a vaccinator at the St. Charles County COVID Vaccination event.

The following guests were present: Attorney Neil Bruntrager, Attorney Jon Bruntrager

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2021 and, the Regular Board Work Session of March 11, 2021, as 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a current checking account balance of \$1,586,601.18. 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, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Vineyard read a card from the Ballmann family regarding the passing of Jim Ballmann, father of Captain Mark Ballmann; thanking District members for their remembrance of Jim Ballmann. Jim was involved with the O'Fallon Fire District for over 30 years, serving as a volunteer firefighter, Fire Chief, and Board Member. The District and citizens will always remember Jim Ballmann with great fondness and gratitude for his selfless work in helping form the O'Fallon Fire Protection District.

Captain Johnston stated the O'Fallon Firefighters Community Outreach will hold a Zoom-Trivia Night, March 27, for the benefit of O'Fallon Fire Protection Firefighters' Outreach and St. Baldricks. All proceeds from Outreach are used to assist citizens in need within the O'Fallon Fire District.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding the District's COVID-19 Demobilization Plan. Chief Vineyard thanked Assistant Chief Brian Moore and numerous District Firefighters for participating in the St. Charles County Family Arena vaccination event; estimating over 8,000 people received vaccinations. Board Members acknowledged Assistant Chief Moore's and the employees' work and thanked them for assisting the community. Discussion held whether to begin holding Board Meetings in person; consensus that meetings will continue to be held through Zoom until further notice, due to COVID-19.

There was further discussion regarding the Pension Plan. Discussion held in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Vineyard reviewed the non-binding tax rates; stating 2021 is a reassessment year pursuant to Senate Bill 711, where the County and State require the District to file non-binding tax rates for general revenue, pension, and debt. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the Non-Binding Tax rates as presented and their submittal to St. Charles County; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign letter; seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Director Laughlin made a motion to go into closed session at 7:10 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 Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made at 7:20 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, April 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom due to COVID-19.

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