

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 10, 2021

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021, via Zoom 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, Shift Rep Firefighter Brett Tichenor, District members, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Rick Rognan, CPA; Joy Howard

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mr. Rognan reviewed the monthly financial report for month ended May 2021. Tax collections are good, but interest income is less due to the financial markets. Several categories are over budget that includes worker comp insurance, due to premium increases, but overall the budget is trending to stay within budget by year end. The District's Reserves are forecasted to increase by approximately \$1 million by year end. He congratulated the Directors and Chief on their conservative handling of the budget.

Mr. Rognan stated that the Board usually assigns the District's Reserve Funds in anticipation of future issues of the District. Discussion held regarding 2020 general funds being possibly used for future appropriations, emergency preparedness, and for the purchase of capital assets. Mr. Rognan requested approval of 2020 General Fund Balance assignments as discussed and read into the record. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve assigning \$5,900,000 for the purpose of future appropriations, assigning \$1,500,000 for the purpose of emergency preparedness, and

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assigning \$650,000 for the purchase of capital assets from the 2020 General Fund Balance, 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 he transferred \$600,000 into General Reserves in March 2021.

Mr. Rognan reviewed Senate Bill 870 which allows the District to set a 100% reimbursement rate for property taxes for every type. He explained this must be done annually, as previous TIFs would only give the District 50%. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve Resolution 2021-04, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District setting a 100% Reimbursement Rate for Property Taxes of every type for the purposes of providing emergency services as authorized under three separate Missouri statutes, as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Resolution 2021-04 attached as Exhibit I. 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 requested approval of defeasance of a portion of the District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, and explained why this is a benefit to the District, and would allow for future no-tax bond increases as the principal is paid down. Ms. Howard stated this is a legal option to remove a certain amount of bond monies off the books. This Resolution would retire approximately \$635,000. Ms. Howard stated that she, Bond Counsel and CPA Verification is required for this transaction. Discussion held. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-03, a resolution authorizing engaging professionals for Defeasance of a portion of the District's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017; Chief Vineyard authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the District, seconded by Director Gober. Resolution 2021-03 attached as Exhibit II. 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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There was further discussion regarding the Pension Plan. Chief Vineyard stated the District is in the phase of creating documents; Attorney O'Brien is putting plan documents together and RPA is confirming numbers for the 457 Plan. The Actuary is compiling a final report. Chief Vineyard will meet with the Pension Committee in the next few weeks.

Chief Vineyard stated that Pension Attorney O'Brien has not received an increase in fees since 2013. She has done an excellent job and is very responsive to the District's needs. Board consensus that the District is fortunate to have her. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to increase Attorney O'Brien's fees to \$200 per hour effective July 1, 2021, and to \$210 per hour July 1, 2022, 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.

LABOR MANAGEMENT

Chief Vineyard stated Labor Management did not meet this month. There will be more for the committee in the next months regarding retirees, hiring, etc. Shop Rep Firefighter Tichenor, stated that the shop had nothing to add.

OPERATIONS

Chief Vineyard stated COVID-19 protocols remain in place.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chief Vineyard recommended the District's Awards Banquet be moved to Spring 2022 from Fall 2021 to ensure no COVID complications. Discussion and agreement that holding it at Delmar Gardens again in 2021 is not in the best interests of Delmar's residents. Board consensus to move the 2021 Annual Awards Banquet to Spring 2022.

Assistant Chief Moore stated that a landscape company's trailer became unhitched on North Main street and did some damage to the lights and surrounding area of Station #1; the fire station building itself was not damaged. Chief Moore described how the claim is being handled, and the Board had no issue with it.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 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. 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 7:39 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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EXHIBIT I

Resolution # 2021-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI ("DISTRICT"), SETTING A 100% REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PROPERTY TAXES OF EVERY TYPE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THREE SEPARATE MISSOURI STATUTES

WHEREAS, during 2018, Senate Bill 870 was passed and signed by the Governor, which is intended to authorize fire protection districts and certain other emergency services to be entitled to be reimbursed up to 100% from three separate tax abatement or related statutes, namely §99.848, RSMo, §100.050, RSMo, and §353.110 RSMo, and

WHEREAS, specifically, pursuant to the authority granted in §99.848 RSMo, fire protection districts imposing a property tax on real, personal or other tangible property shall be entitled to reimbursement from all special allocation funds authorized under Chapter 99 for at least 50%, but not more than 100%, of the district's tax, and further, under §99.848.2, (2018) the board of directors of a fire protection district shall annually set the reimbursement rate prior to the time the assessment is declared by the assessor, this applies to all tax increment financing (TIF) projects approved after August 28, 2004, and further,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in §100.050 and §100.050.4 (2018), RSMo, fire protection districts imposing a tax on real, personal and other tangible property for the purposes of providing emergency services shall be entitled to reimbursement for at least 50%, but not more than 100%, of the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue such district would have received in the absence of a tax abatement or exemption provided to property of all types as authorized under Chapter 100; and further,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in §353.110 and §353.110.4(2)(b)(2018) RSMo, fire protection districts imposing a property tax on real, personal or other tangible property shall be entitled to reimbursement in an amount of at least 50%, but not more than 100%, of the amount of ad valorem property tax revenues the district would have received in the absence of a tax abatement or exemption under Chapter 353 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, the Board of Directors has determined that it will set an annual reimbursement pursuant to Chapter 99 RSMo, Chapter 100 RSMo and Chapter 353 RSMo, at the reimbursement rate of 100%, and

WHEREAS, the Board intends, after the passage of this Resolution, to notify the St. Charles County Collector of Revenue and the St. Charles County Assessor of its 100% reimbursement rates, prior to the time the assessments are determined for the current tax year and future tax years, pursuant to the authority set forth in the above statutes.

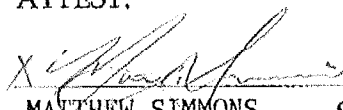
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Directors of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District set the reimbursement rate authorized for fire and other emergency services as described in §§99.848.2 (2018), 110.050, and 100.050.4 (2018), and 353.110 and 353.110.4(2)(b)(2018) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri at 100% of the ad valorem real property, personal property and other tangible property tax revenues the District would have received in the absence of the abatements or reimbursement to special allocation funds as provided in the respective statutes. All such reimbursements are applicable to all tax increment financing, tax abatements and special allocation funds, financing, and/or other amendments filed after August 28, 2018, as described in the above statutes.
2. The District shall be reimbursed or allocated in the amount of 100% of the ad valorem real property, personal property and other tangible property tax revenues or special allocation funds that the District would have received in the absence of a tax abatement under Chapters 99, 100, and 353 RSMo. All such reimbursements are applicable to all tax increment financing, tax abatements and special allocation funds, financing, or amendments filed after August 28, 2018, as described in the above statutes.
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage according to law and shall be delivered to the County Assessor and the County Collector of St. Charles County forthwith.

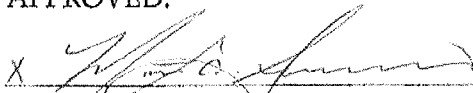

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.


WILLIAM LAUGHLIN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATTEST:

X 
MATTHEW SIMMONS, SECRETARY
(SEAL)

APPROVED:

X 
MATTHEW SIMMONS, Director, Secretary

MATTHEW GOBER, Director, Treasurer

RESOLUTION ENGAGING PROFESSIONALS FOR DEFEASANCE OF A PORTION OF THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017

WHEREAS, the O'Fallon Fire Protection District, St. Charles County, Missouri (the "District") issued \$2,220,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the District is considering the use of excess debt service fund moneys to defease a portion of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District finds it necessary to employ professional services to advise the District regarding the defeasance of the Bonds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. The District is authorized to engage Joy Howard d/b/a WM Financial Strategies, as municipal advisor, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as bond counsel, and Robert Thomas CPA, as verification agent, pursuant to agreements submitted to the District and attached to this Resolution. The Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Fire Chief is authorized to execute such agreements on behalf of the District.

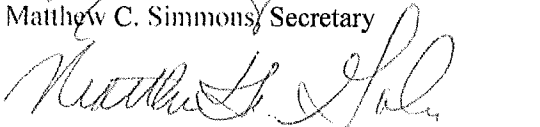
Section 2. The District authorizes the Fire Chief and other District staff and officials to work with such professionals regarding the potential defeasance of a portion of the Bonds and to take such action as they deem appropriate in connection therewith, including subscribing for United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series and/or Open Market Securities.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Directors.

PASSED by the Board of Directors of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District, St. Charles County, Missouri, this 10th day of June, 2021.



William Laughlin, Chairman

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Matthew C. Simmons, Secretary


Matthew F. Gober, Treasurer

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

X 
Matthew C. Simmons, Secretary