

APPROVED 01-27-2022 BOARD MTG

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 14, 2021

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 14, 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 Chiefs Andy Parrish and Matt Braile, Battalion Chief Brian Moore, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Shop Steward Battalion Chief Eric Johnston, Captain Darren Daly, District members, and Board Executive Admin Assistant Julie Gaylord. The following guests were present: Attorney Jon Bruntrager, and Rick Rognan, CPA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vineyard, followed by a moment of silence for fallen firefighter Benjamin Polson. Following the moment of silence Battalion Chief Moore read the firefighter's prayer.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mr. Rognan gave his financial report for month ended December 2021, reviewing line-item expenses and income, stating that the District was doing great and is currently 3.13% under budget. Cash Reserves increased over 2021 and is currently 1.88% better than budgeted. Calls increased by 165 calls for the month, mainly due to COVID and the rise in cases. Mr. Rogan stated that interest rates will be coming back for 2022, it is projected to see 3 or 4 rate increases throughout 2022. Mr. Rognan congratulated the Board and Chief Vineyard as they remain very conservative in their spending and the district remains financially very healthy.

LABOR MANAGEMENT

Chief Vineyard stated Labor Management was postponed this month due to orientation week for the new hires.

OPERATIONS

Assistant Chief Parrish discussed the orientation of the new employees. Assistant Chief Parrish stated that the new employees are a great group of firefighters, and is excited to see them develop within the O'Fallon fire district.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chief Vineyard talked about the Senate Bill 649 that has to deal with the reduction of personal property tax. Chief Vineyard stated that there was a hearing and as anticipated they modified the bill to only include St. Charles County. Chief Vineyard stated that although he does not think the legislation will pass it is definitely something we should continue to monitor closely.

There was a discussion in regards to the Ekon documents that RPA sent over for approval. There being no questions or concerns Director Laughlin made a motion to retain Ekon Benefits as third party administrator to distribute benefits under the Defined Benefit Plan and to approve opening an account with Vanguard to facilitate benefit payments, 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.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom due to COVID-19.

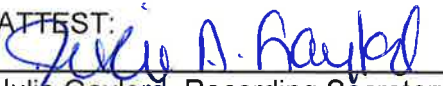
A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gober. Unanimous consent to Adjourn:

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, Chairman

ATTEST:


Julie Gaylord, Recording Secretary
Board Executive Administrative Assistant