

APPROVED AT 03-24-22 BOARD MTG

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 24, 2022

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, 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 Matt Braile, Assistant Chief Andy Parrish, Shop Steward Battalion Chief Eric Johnston, numerous District employees, and Board Executive Administrative Assistant Julie Gaylord.

The following guests were present: Attorney Neil Bruntrager, and Attorney 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 January 27, 2022, and the Regular Board Work Session of February 10, 2022, 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 \$1,935,086.93. 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

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COMUNICATIONS:
Director Simmons wanted to give a District a shout out for the Mouse Race event. Director Simmons stated the event was fun for all and was glad to be a participant of the event. Shop Steward Eric Johnston stated that the Mouse Race event raised over \$11, 000 that will be donated to St. Baldricks Foundation to help in research to cure childhood cancer. Chief Vineyard stated that he received a thank you letter from St. Louis Fire Department giving their appreciation for O'Fallon's Honor Guard. Chief Vineyard stated that the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Honor Guard is making a name for themselves on a national basis and he is extremely proud of them.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Rhonda O'Brien discussed amending the trustee agreement to allow a retiree to be participant on the pension board. Discussion was held and decision was made to table this topic until after the Chief, Directors and the shop can research more into the trustee agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Chief Parrish discussed the proposal from Feathershark to upgrade our current phone system. Battalion Chief Moore brought up that he would like to see a door bell for station 3 added to the proposal. Director Laughlin made a motion to approve purchase of upgraded phone system by Feathershark for a total cost of \$20, 826.89 with the expectation that Feathershark will add to the quote for the Station 3 doorbell, 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.

Chief Vineyard gave an update on the Critical Illness Pool stating that the fund is almost ready to be rolled out. The Division of Insurance approved the plan so the anticipated start date of the fund is March 1, 2022. Chief Vineyard state it is a great step for firefighters in the state of Missouri.

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Director Laughlin made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31 p.m. under RS Mo 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; and (9) Preparation, including any discussion or work product on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups; 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.

A motion was made at 7:36 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, March 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the administration bldg.


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 7:40 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Julie Gaylord, Recording Secretary
Board Executive Administrative Assistant