

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 22, 2022

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at the administration building in the board room. Director Gober 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. 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 August 25, 2022, and the Regular Board Work Session of September 8, 2022, as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Director Laughlin opened the Public Hearing, and recognized Rick Rognan, CPA. Mr. Rognan reviewed the Post BOE tax rates for general fund, pension fund, and debt service fund, with a total proposed tax rate of \$0.9426 Cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation. Discussion held. Director Laughlin opened the floor to public comments. There being none, a motion was made by Director Laughlin to close the Public Hearing, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a current checking account balance of \$447,097.61. 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) Director Simmons
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

none

COMMUNICATIONS:

none

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Shop Steward Eric Johnston presented the board with a letter of intent to being negotiations for the new CBA beginning at the next board meeting. The being no further questions or concerns Director Laughlin made amotion to approve amending article 56 of the collective bargaining working agreement to begin negotiations in a closed board meeting with the board of directors and Chief Vineyard, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Director Laughlin made a motion to go into closed session at 7:19 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; 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: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Director Simmons
Motion declared and carried.

A motion was made at 7:29 p.m. by Director Gober to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the administration bldg.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Laughlin, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (1) Director Simmons
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