

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

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at the administration building in the board room. 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 Simmons, and 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 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 October 28, 2022, and the Regular Board Work Session of November 10, 2022, as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Director 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 \$2,684,194.48. 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: (3) Director Laughlin, Simmons and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

none

COMMUNICATIONS:

Assistant Chief Parrish gave an update on current events going on with O'Fallon's Community Outreach. The Community Outreach will be working with Fire Prevention for our annual Pictures with Santa next month on Dec 3, 4, and 5th at Station 4. AC Parrish also discussed the districts participation in the No Hunger Holiday event that is put on by over 40 social service agencies that are spread out throughout 7 counties in the St. Charles area. The event ensures that those families who are in need of help get to enjoy a thanksgiving dinner.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Chief Braile discussed the County Live Burns that the district just finished having all the crews go through for training. AC Braile stated they had some really good feedback and the crews stated next year they want it more challenging.

Chief Vineyard discussed the Pension Trustee documents that attorney O'Brien presented at the last pension meeting. The documents include Resolution 2022-10, Resolution 2022-11, Resolution 2022-12 and the Amendment to the Defined Benefit Plan. The documents amend the current trustee definition so that a second member of the fire district could sit on the pension board. Discussion held, there being no further questions or concerns a motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve and adopt the amendment to the Defined Benefit Plan amending the structure of the Board of Trustees; and approving the resolutions confirming the structure of the Board of Trustees for Money Purchase Plan and the resolution confirming the structure of the Board of Trustees for the 457 Plan, 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.

Assistant Chief Braile discussed the proposal from DingesFire. Discussion held. There being no further questions or concerns a motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve purchasing 8 Halligan bars, 3 axes, and 2 fire hooks from DingesFire for the proposed cost of \$2,860.35, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Battalion Chief Eric Johnston discussed the proposal from Country Side Carpets & Interiors. Discussion held. There being no further questions or concerns a motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the proposal for floor replacement at Admin Building for \$7,790.00, Station 3 bunk room for \$6,590.00 and for Station 3 offices for \$3,825.00 as submitted, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was;

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

A motion was made at 7:20 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: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None

Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

Director Laughlin announced that during the Closed Session, the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to make an offer of employment to Daniel Chudy for the position of Firefighter EMT/P contingent upon successful background checks and medical/physical tests, 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, December 08, 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: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Julie Gaylord, Recording Secretary
Board Executive Administrative Assistant