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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF  
THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 25, 2014

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on September 25, 2014, at Station #1's Multipurpose Room, 119 East Elm Street, O'Fallon, MO. 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 at Station #1. The following Directors were present: Director Bill Laughlin, Director Matt Simmons, and Director Matt Gober. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Financial Director Bob Cerrano, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Captain Mary Emge, Engineer Eric Johnston, Engineer Dave Koenig, Engineer Chad Vesely, and Board Admin Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guest was present: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chief Vineyard followed by Assistant Chief Vomund's reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

Director Laughlin asked for any questions or comments regarding the minutes of the Regular Board Meetings of August 28, 2014 and September 11, 2014, and Budget Workshop of September 11, 2014. There being none, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of August 28, 2014, Budget Workshop of September 11, 2014, and Regular Board Work Session of September 11, 2014, 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.

Director Gober stated a general checking account balance of \$368,551.61. There were no questions or comments. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve payment of 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.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Director Laughlin opened the Public Hearing and opened the floor to citizen comments. There being no citizen comments, Financial Director Cerrano presented his Budget Message, attached as Exhibit I.

There being no questions or comments, Director Laughlin closed the Public Hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lucido read the following two communications:

1. A letter thanking the crew who responded to a fire call on Jacobs Way for taking care of the homeowners' family during the incident.
2. A letter from the O'Fallon YMCA thanking the District for staging a truck at their Touch-A-Truck event and the crew interacting with the children. Over 500 citizens attended this event.

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OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding new Station #1 construction. Fire Marshal Morrison said the trusses were set this week, and the green water pipes are being installed. Green pipes are fused instead of compression fitted which is more labor intensive, but better. Paric submitted 2 change orders, both credits: (1) A welder certification that was not required for the scope of our job; a regular welder was used. (2) Grease Separator that was already covered in Lamb's proposal; Heggemann was good with this. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve Change Order #001-Lamb Construction with a credit amount of \$1,750.00 and Change Order #001-Heggemann, Inc. with a credit amount of \$7,950.00, as presented; Director Laughlin authorized to sign change orders, 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 was further discussion regarding the new Rescue Pumper. Chief Vineyard said the new truck went into service last week; there are no issues with it.

There was further discussion regarding Station #5's water/electrical issue. Asst. Chief Vomund said that Vision Electric completed the work and re-landscaped the affected area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Asst. Chief Vomund requested approval to place the old 9150 - 1995 Freightliner for sale, and list this truck with Brindlee and another broker. They receive 10% of the sale price, but 0% if we sell it ourselves. Director Laughlin asked for its current value; it is valued at \$35,000 - \$45,000.00 and Asst Chief Vomund recommended a starting sale price of \$45,000.00. Consensus to wait until Attorney Bruntrager reviews the broker contracts prior to making a decision.

Financial Director Cerrano reviewed the 2015 Preliminary Budget, stating the final 2015 budget will be approved in December 2014. There were no questions on the preliminary budget, and the Directors will contact Mr. Cerrano directly if they need clarification on anything. Discussion was held regarding setting the 2015 General Fund, Debt Service, and Pension Tax Rates. After discussion, Mr. Cerrano requested motions approving the rates. He noted Public Hearing was published in the legal newspaper and posted prior to this meeting, stating the proposed tax rates. There being no further questions or comments:

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Gober to approve the 2015 Preliminary General Revenue Budget of \$7,945,825 as presented, pending any adjustments made before December 31, 2014. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes:	(3)	Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

Motion declared and carried.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Gober to levy a General Revenue Tax Rate of \$0.5967 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property within the District in addition to such other taxes as may be levied by the County Court for the tax year 2014. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Gober to approve the 2015 preliminary Debt Service Budget of \$549,780 as presented, pending any adjustments made before December 31, 2014. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Simmons to levy a Debt Service Tax of \$0.0611 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property within the District in addition to such other taxes as may be levied by the County Court for the tax year 2014. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Simmons to approve the 2015 preliminary Pension Revenue Budget of \$545,263 as presented, pending any adjustments made before December 31, 2014. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Simmons to levy a Pension Revenue Tax of \$0.0431 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property within the District in addition to such other taxes as may be levied by the County Court for the tax year 2014. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:25 p.m. to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021(1) Confidential or privileged communications between a public government body and its attorneys; (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public government body; (12) Any documents related to a negotiated contract until

a contract is executed; (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, after a 10 minute break, 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.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:54 p.m. 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 stated the Ribbon Cutting for the new Hwy 364 extension is set for October 4 and we will participate in it; he will send the Board members details.

Chief Vineyard stated that the MACFPD is holding a Pension Board Training Session at the Firefighters Hall in St. Peters for anyone who needs to obtain 6 hours of training prior to the end of the year; there is no fee for this seminar.

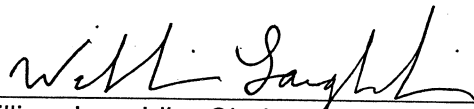
There was consensus from the Directors that their current laptops are not working correctly and they cannot access all the documents sent them. Chief Vineyard will look into purchasing I-pads.

Director Laughlin announced the next Board Work Session is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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 8:00 p.m.

  
William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary  
Board Administrative Assistant