

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 28, 2019

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Administration Building Board Room, 111 Laura K Drive, O'Fallon, MO. Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Simmons, and Director Matt Gober. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido. Assistant Chief Ken Vomund was excused.

The following guest was present: Attorney Jonathan 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 amend the Agenda by adding *Item a. Elections under New Business*, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2019, Regular Board Work Session of March 14, 2019, Pension Board Meeting of November 13 2018, and Special Pension Board Meeting of February 28, 2019, as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Approved at 4-25-19 Board Mtg

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a general checking account balance of \$1,402,572.12. There being no questions, 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, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) Director Gober
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Lucido read the following communications:

1. A card from the Family of Dennis Emge thanking the District members for their expressions of sympathy in the passing of Retired District Board of Directors Chairman Dennis A. Emge.

2. A letter from Mr. DuRall thanking Firefighters Darwin Shephard, Jon Blevins, Adam Stenger, and Jeff Woodson for all they did when responding to a medical emergency; the outcome was positive.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion of Station #3's renovation. Chief Vineyard stated there are issues with the flooring purchased for the downstairs weight room so it could not be installed. It is a custom order that wasn't milled correctly and must be re-ordered. Country Flooring will re-order, but it may take 4-6 weeks, during which time the downstairs meeting/training room is not available. Assistant Chief Vomund is working on this issue.

There was further discussion of Station #4's renovation. Chief Vineyard stated the renovation is coming along well, however there are 2 issues. During the parking lot excavating a power line was dug up that must be replaced. The interior concrete flooring was not in the plans to be stained and Freise is now obtaining bids for staining and sealing the interior concrete floors. Discussion held. This may be expensive but it is needed and was intended to be in the bid. Chief Vineyard

requested approval to move forward on it. Consensus from the Board that bids should be obtained and pricing forwarded to them when Chief Vineyard receives it. The interior is on track to be completed mid-April; the exterior a few weeks longer. Assistant Chief Moore stated the new outdoor sign is installed and looks good. The District will hold an Open House this summer. Discussion held regarding re-dedicating Station 4; no decisions made. Director Gober questioned if anyone knew of a new prevailing wage rule in Missouri regarding paying prevailing wages dependent on the cost of the project. Discussion held. Attorney Bruntrager will look into this, and determine if it is still acceptable to put verbiage in bid documents that state the District pays prevailing wage.

There was further discussion on the process for hiring 6 Firefighter EMT/P's. Chief Vineyard stated 36 applicants were scheduled for the interview panel and medic station, with 18 applicants selected to go through final interviews, April 3, 2019. After final interviews recommendations will be made to the Board at the April 11 Board Meeting.

There was further discussion on the sale of the 2007 Ladder Truck; Assistant Chief Vomund has received one email question regarding the truck's availability.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard stated the St. Charles County Elections Director asked the County Chiefs if they could use Knox-box keys to open polling places if there was ever a situation as happened in a recent election where the polling place was not opened on time. Chief Vineyard discussed this with Attorney Bruntrager. Discussion held. Consensus that emergency personnel/fire districts are allowed to use Knox box keys in cases of emergencies only, and do not have authority in non-emergency situations. If every polling place put in writing that emergency personnel could open their building if needed, it may then be feasible. Attorney Jon Bruntrager was requested to write an opinion letter on this.

A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Director Laughlin to go into Closed Session after a 10 minute break 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 (13) Individually Identifiable Personnel Records, 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.

A motion was made at 7:40 p.m. by Director Gober to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

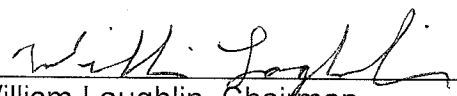
Ayes: (2) Directors Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) Director Gober
Absent: (1) Director Laughlin (exited at 7:26 p.m.)
Motion declared and carried.

Director Gober announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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


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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant