

Approved Board Mtg of 05-23-19

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 25, 2019

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Administration Building Board Room, 111 Laura K Drive, 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. 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 Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Battalion Chief Andy Parrish, Captain Mike Alcorn, Engineers Tom Vogelgesang, Jeff Dennis, Jewett Ellis, Cody Willis, and Elliot Thomas, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorney Jon Bruntrager, Kyle Chadwell, Kenny Gales, Blake Koppel, Paul McReynolds, Brett Tichenor, and Alexander Wetteroth.

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 March 28, 2019, Regular Board Work Session of April 11, 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated current checking account balance of \$1,177,929.23. There being no 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, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Administrative Assistant Lucido read the following communications:

1. A letter from the City of St. Joseph Fire Department thanking Honor Guard members for participating in the funeral arrangements for Captain Travis Owens. Honor Guard Members, Firefighters Cody Willis and Elliot Thomas represented the District at the funeral.

2. A letter from Mt. Hope Principals and PTC thanking Fire District members for their assistance in obtaining new playground equipment, and inviting members to the playground groundbreaking ceremony; Chief Vineyard attended.

Assistant Chief Moore stated that the Community Living Director and their videographer are coming to Administration April 26, with the three persons who assist at Administration every Friday to do a short film on their members' activities.

Assistant Chief Moore stated District members are working with Ft. Zumwalt West High School to put on a Drunk Driving Skit tomorrow afternoon. Police, Ambulance, and Air Evac are also participating.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion about the District's re-branding and new logo. Assistant Chief Moore said the new logo has been approved and completed and the District is in the process of changing over emblems on vehicles, uniforms, and letterhead.

There was further discussion of Station #3's renovation. Chief Vineyard stated the upstairs is completed. We are still waiting on delivery of flooring for the basement. The basement flooring was a separate project outside of Freise's scope of work.

There was further discussion of Station #4's renovation. Chief Vineyard stated the interior floor is done. The architect dropped the ball and did not have floor staining in the bid. The Board previously approved staining, however, the concrete was in such poor shape visibly that the company recommended not staining it as it would not look good. A decision was made to put an epoxy coating over the concrete which does look good, though the color is not what was anticipated. Epoxy cost approximately \$1,700 more than the staining. Consensus from the Board that epoxy

was the appropriate remedy for the unfinished concrete floors. Chief Vineyard stated that one of the alternate bids within the bid process was for laying sod instead of seeding. Chief Vineyard recommended going with Freise's alternate bid for sod of approximately \$9,000 to ensure the station is completed, and we are not dealing with straw and mud. Discussion held. Consensus to move forward with sodding Station #4 per Freise's previously approved Alternate bid. Chief Vineyard stated there is a meeting tomorrow at the station for a final walk through and punch list, and he anticipates crews being able to move back into the station within several weeks.

There was further discussion about the Firefighter EMT/P Hiring Process.

This will be addressed in Closed Session.

There was further discussion about the sale of the 2007 Ladder Truck.

Assistant Chief Vomund stated there was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard gave the March Financial Report for Mr. Rognan who was unable to attend. He reviewed Expenses that currently show over budget, mainly due to worker comp premiums paid up front and certain construction expenses being paid out of the General Fund. He stated the District should be under budget by the end of the year. The District remains in good financial shape.

Captain Alcorn stated that the CPSE (Center for Public Safety Excellence) approved the District's Annual Compliance Report and recommended the District retains its Accredited Agency status, as the District has demonstrated that it is in compliance with all stated standards and core competencies. Chief Vineyard stated that Captain Alcorn puts in a great deal of work to keep things in line and complete the Annual Report. Chief Vineyard offered his compliments to Captain Alcorn for doing such a good job.

Chief Vineyard stated that he was contacted by several residents of Summit Estates regarding their insurance rates doubling due to ISO's last rating of the District of 4 and 4X. ISO changed its parameters, where any structure that is not within 5 miles of a firehouse can receive a class 9 or 10 rating. Summit Estates does not have hydrants, and many homes in the back of the subdivision fall just outside the 5 mile mark. Station #2 which has always been a Volunteer Station, can no longer be used for the 5 mile mark as we do not run calls from that Station as there is no way to staff

the station with Volunteers who would be able to respond to calls in a timely manner. He researched previous years' calls to Station #2: In 2012 Station #2 was dispatched 112 times and ran 20 calls; 2013 they were dispatched 151 times and ran 22 calls, and in 2014 they were dispatched 227 times and ran 16 calls. Chief Vineyard said he talked with ISO about their rating system, and stated that not all insurance companies use ISO ratings. Chief Vineyard has set up a meeting with residents of Summit Estates to discuss this situation and will keep the Board informed. Director Laughlin stated the importance of ensuring all residents know that they have very good fire service from the District; ISO ratings are not a reflection of the service we consistently provide; Chief Vineyard agreed. Chief Vineyard stated ISO ratings in this situation are related to distance to fire stations and whether the area has hydrants.

A motion was made at 7:26 p.m. by Director Laughlin to go into Closed Session 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; (3) Hiring or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body, 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 7:34 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 that the following motion was made during Closed Session: *A motion was made by Director Laughlin to tender Offers of Employment, effective May 13, 2019, to Kyle Chadwell, Kenny Gales, Blake Koppel, Paul McReynolds, Brett Tichenor, and Alexander Wetteroth for the position of Firefighter EMT/P, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:*

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


Congratulations were offered to the successful applicants.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

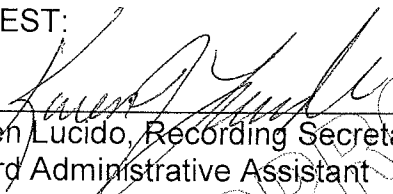
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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