

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORK SESSION
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 9, 2019

A Work Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 9, 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 Simmons, and Director Matt Gober. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Battalion Chief Andy Parrish, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido. Assistant Chief Brian Moore was excused.

The following guests were present: Attorney Jon Bruntrager, and Rick Rognan, CPA

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vineyard followed by the reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Station #3 Renovation: Per Chief Vineyard, renovations are complete and everything looks good. The basement floor is installed.

Station #4 Renovation: Per Chief Vineyard, the station should be ready for move-in end of next week. Charter is scheduled to install cable and internet June 10. Several exterior projects still need completing.

Sale of the 2007 Ladder Truck. Per Assistant Chief Vomund, received a call from a fire department in New York who requested certain information about the truck; he is waiting to hear back from them. We've received no offers yet.

Computer File Server. Chief Vineyard stated replacement of the current computer server is in the approved 2019 budget. He reviewed the proposal; stating upgrading the server is needed as we have experienced issues with the current server due to the amount of data, and need to ensure it can keep up with the District's current and future needs and that no loss of data is experienced.

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Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to ratify the purchase of a replacement File Server per the terms of Intellectual Development Inc.'s proposal dated April 27, 2019 for a total server cost of \$5,999.00, Chief Vineyard authorized to sign proposal, 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.

Mr. Rognan reviewed the April 2019 Financial Report for the District. The District is currently over budget in some areas due to certain expenses being paid fully at the beginning of the year. He forecasted that the District will end the year under or at budget. His review included: Tax collections are at 97.62%; interest is up by 41%; District should meet its revenue mark this year. Cash Reserves are estimated to be \$1.2 million more than in 2018, ending 2019 at \$5.5 million. EMS calls continue to increase. The District is in sound financial shape, and he advised the Board to continue with their conservative spending. Director Laughlin asked what type of expenses are in the Miscellaneous fund; includes Honor Guard expenses and travel.

LABOR MANANGEMENT

Per Chief Vineyard, there is nothing new to report as the May Labor Management Meeting was canceled due to unavailability of several members.

OPERATIONS

Chief Vineyard stated 6 new hire Firefighter EMT/P's will begin May 13, 2019 and undergo a 2-week orientation after which their shift and station will be determined.

Chief Vineyard stated he and Assistant Chief Moore met with several residents of Summit Estates including the HOA President to discuss the rise in many of their homeowner's insurance rates. It appears that the companies that substantially raised their rates based it on the last ISO rating which the District has no control over as ISO is an insurance industry organization and rating system. One issue is that Summit Estates does not have hydrants. Another consideration was that Station #2 no longer runs calls through its volunteers, and when it had volunteers assigned, Station #2 ran minimal calls, i.e., 16 calls in one year. Chief Vineyard stated that while the District disagrees with ISO's ratings for that area, it has no say in the

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insurance rating system. He stated there were also Summit Estates residents that experienced minimal increases in their insurance rates, as they went with insurance companies that did not use the ISO rating system.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - None.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin at 7:25 p.m. to go into Closed Session, under Section 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, 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 to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session at 7:44 p.m., 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 Laughlin announced the next regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 23, 2019 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 7:45 p.m.


William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant