

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 25, 2019

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at the Administration Building Board Room, 111 Laura K Drive, O'Fallon, MO. Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

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

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 June 27, 2019, and Regular Board Work Session of July 11, 2019, as presented, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated current checking account balance of \$517,022.87.

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.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Lucido read the following communications:

1. A card from the Sisters of Villa Theresa & Abbey Senior Health, thanking the Fire Marshal Morrison and Fire Inspector Ellison for the fire safety luncheon.
2. A note from Mr. Kaiser of City Light Baptist Church, thanking Captain Johnston and his crew for participating in their annual teen water night.
3. A card from the family of Tayler Turpin for the District's efforts in the attempted water rescue of their son, Tayler.
4. A letter from Firefighter Tommy Goran with the Columbia Missouri Fire Department and Event Director for the Columbia Memorial Stair Climb, praising O'Fallon Junior Firefighter TJ Ennis for his participation and support of the climb since its inception in 2016; establishing a record by becoming the youngest climber to complete all 110 stories; and raising \$3,311 this year for their local line of duty death organization.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding the sale of the 2007 Ladder Truck. Chief Vineyard said the upstate New York fire department that offered to purchase the ladder truck held an election to do so, and the resolution passed. Estimate 3 weeks until they pay and take possession of the truck. The fire department asked if we would release the truck prior to receiving payment; discussion held, and upon attorney advice, the ladder truck will remain in service until payment is received.

There was further discussion regarding Station #4's solar panel re-installation. Assistant Chief Vomund stated he is waiting on receiving a second engineering bid.

There was further discussion regarding Senate Bill 870. Chief Vineyard stated that individual fire departments received a letter from St. Charles County Executive Ehlmann requesting they sign an intergovernmental agreement that would set their rates regarding SB870 at 50%. Currently O'Fallon Fire District set their rates at 100% with the option to revisit that percentage per individual projects. Currently the

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District does not have the types of developments that the senate bill pertains to so the current monetary impact on the District is negligible. Other fire departments however, have developments that fall into these categories and their financial cost could be considerable. Discussion held. Attorney Bruntrager and Rick Rognan advised that if the District takes 100% allowable under current statute, the financial impact would be minimal and not impact the viability of any project, but may somewhat impact a developer's profits. Rick Rognan stated that the claim that the school districts would have to pick up the difference may not hold true, as the school districts have always been able to negotiate, but fire departments and the ambulance district have not had those opportunities until now. Attorney Bruntrager recommended the District continue to remain at 100% and reserve the right to negotiate from 50% to 100%; i.e., Wentzville Fire District just negotiated 75% for GM, though the statute allows up to 100%. Mr. Ehlmann is requesting fire departments agree to lower than statute allowances. Both Attorney Bruntrager and Mr. Rognan recommended the District retain its right of 100% with the ability to negotiate each project. Chief Vineyard stated that St. Charles County chiefs are meeting with Mr. Ehlmann on this, and he will keep the Board informed of the results of that meeting.

There was further discussion regarding the new Battalion Chief Vehicle. Chief Vineyard stated the new vehicle has been placed in service.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Rognan reviewed the Preliminary 2018 Post BOE Assessment, stating that this is a reassessment year and rates go down by .02 per \$100 assessed value due to the Hancock amendment. He explained that while the first tax bill is at 100%, subsequent rates can only increase by the CPI percent. Mr. Rognan will review this further at the September Public Hearing meeting.

Mr. Rognan reviewed the District's monthly financial report. Several funds show currently over budget, but those should resolve and overall he projected the District will be at or under budget at the end of the year. He reviewed a 6-month comparison of expenses, and calls that are up 10%, mainly on the EMS side. He congratulated the Board on being fiscally conservative. Director Laughlin requested a breakdown of the Firefighter Supplies category; Chief Vineyard will supply that.

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Chief Vineyard reviewed the new Inflatable Rescue Boat Operations policy and requested approval to implement the policy. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the new Inflatable Rescue Boat Operations policy, SOP#309.07 as presented; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign policy, 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.

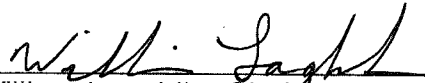
Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the Closed Minutes of May 23 and June 3, 2019 as presented, seconded by Director Gober; Unanimous Ayes; no Nays; motion passes.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 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:

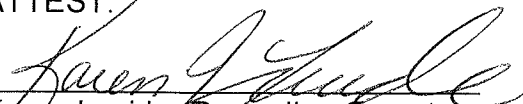
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant