

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORK SESSION
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 8, 2019

A Work Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 8, 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, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Battalion Chief Mel Emge, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido. Assistant Chief Brian Moore was excused.

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

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Rick Rognan reviewed the Public Hearing Notice set for September 12, 2019 concerning the property tax rates proposed to be set by the District. He reviewed the preliminary numbers, stating he is waiting on final numbers from the Assessor's office. The Notice will be published 7 days prior to the hearing, per statute. Mr. Rognan reviewed the Hancock Amendment which only allows increases at the current year's CPI, so this year's overall tax rate is \$4.08 per \$100.00 assessed valuation less; good news for the District's residents. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve publication of Notice of September 12, 2019 Public Hearing upon receiving finalized tax rate numbers from the St. Charles County Assessor's Office, 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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Mr. Rognan reviewed his financial report for the month of July, 2019. Budget currently shows 3% over however, that is mainly due to capital related spending that occurred this year, but was scheduled for last year. The District is still projected to end the year on budget. Mr. Rognan will have CDARS report numbers regarding interest next month. He stated taxes collected were up \$135,713 and Building Permits were up by \$48,503. July calls are up 13%; 48 more EMS calls than last year at this time. Chief Vineyard stated that 12 sets of turnout gear for new hires are included in Firefighter Supplies. Mr. Rognan stated there was \$184,325 remaining in bond monies that could be placed in the District's General Fund to cover the turnout gear. Discussion held. *Consensus from the Board of Directors and Chief Vineyard to transfer bond monies to the General Fund to cover the cost of purchased turnout gear.*

Sale of the 2007 Ladder Truck. Chief Vineyard stated the East Canada Fire District held an election for bond monies to pay for the truck that was successful, and upon receipt of the payment for the Truck it will be released to that department, estimated within the next 2 weeks.

Chief Vineyard stated the St. Charles County Chiefs had a follow-up meeting regarding Mr. Ehlmann's SB870 letter to them requesting all departments set their reimbursement rate under Chapters 99, 100, or 353, annually, at 50%. The proposed agreement was reviewed and Chief Vineyard stated it contains contradictory language. Discussion held. Attorney Bruntrager and Mr. Rognan recommended not signing the agreement as it can't bind the District, and the District is always willing to talk per project. Attorney Bruntrager stated that School Districts do not have to make up any fire district's difference. Mr. Rognan stated the fire district's amount would never be enough to make or break any project. Chief Vineyard will have further discussion with surrounding departments and keep the Board updated.

There was further discussion regarding reinstalling Station #4's solar panels. Assistant Chief Vomund said he has one quote and is waiting to hear from a second engineer who still needs to do an on-site visit, for the City's required new structural calculations that include new system layout and design, electrical line drawings, electrical engineer wet stamp, structural engineer wet stamp and site visit.

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Chief Vineyard stated that the District is retiring its 2005 Chevy Blazer K-9 vehicle; blue book value on it is approximately \$1,800-\$2,300; and would like to sell it internally via closed bid, at a starting amount of \$1,800. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the sale of 2005 Chevy Blazer internally, with a beginning bid of not less than \$1,800.00, 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.

LABOR MANANGEMENT

Chief Vineyard stated that the Captain's Promotional Process has begun and there are 5 applicants; one needs to take the written test. This is for a 2-year Captain's List in case of openings. He will keep the Board updated.

OPERATIONS

Chief Vineyard stated that training for the new ERS System and Aladtec is set; and the systems should be ready to go live September 1, 2019.

Chief Vineyard stated that a committee has been assembled to put together a Mentor/Succession Planning program for the District. A tentative document will be ready for general review in the near future.

Chief Vineyard said that he has met with retired Battalion Chief Mark Stenger and Engineer Kory Dunn about new replacement badges. Engineer Dunn is ordering a sample badge for consideration. If purchased, would occur in 2020.

Chief Vineyard requested Fire Marshal Morrison set up a meeting with the Developer of the Turtle Creek development to explain what the project entails. Discussion held. Mr. Morrison will contact the Developer after their meeting in front of the O'Fallon City Council, August 22, 2019.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

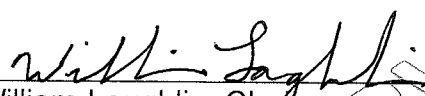
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Director Laughlin announced the next regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

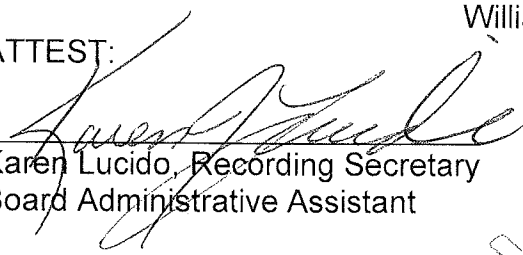
A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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 7:41 p.m.


William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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