

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 13, 2020

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020, 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, Captain Eric Johnston, Captain Mary Emge, Volunteer Erwin Emge, Firefighter Brett Tichenor, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

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

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

Erwin Emge thanked the Board, Chief and members for all they did for his brother, Battalion Chief Mel Emge's, funeral and for supporting the family.

Captain Mary Emge thanked the Board, Chief and members for everything they did to assist her and her husband Battalion Chief Mel Emge, during his brief illness and through the funeral.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Mr. Rognan gave the financial report for month ending January 2020. The budget shows 11.77% over that is due to HSA, Health Insurance, and Workers Comp premiums being paid up front for the year; the budget will trend down as the year progresses. Mr. Rognan told the Board to continue conservative spending. The District is in very good financial shape.

Chief Vineyard stated that the new ladder truck delivery is set for some time in March 2020. The \$600,000 that the District put down on this order has been

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accruing daily interest until the truck is delivered, and the bumper to bumper warranty was extended from one year to three years upon delivery.

Assistant Chief Vomund stated Station #1's roof is repaired. Director Laughlin directed this item be removed from the agenda.

Assistant Chief Moore reviewed the need for updated equipment that allows the Zoll monitors to be switched from adult to pediatric mode, and explained the different scenarios where this would be needed. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve purchase of OneStep Cable X-series and CPR-D Padz & connectors, electrodes, and training sensors per Zoll Medical Corporation's quote of \$3,191.20; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign proposal, 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.

Assistant Chief Vomund requested Board approval to purchase one PPV 16" fan that will be housed on the new ladder truck; all other pumpers carry this fan which is used at fire scenes. Discussion held. A motion was Made by Director Laughlin to approve the purchase of one PPV 16" Fan with shore power connection from Ellebracht, per their quote of \$3,659.00; Chief Vineyard authorized to sign proposal, 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.

Assistant Chief Vomund stated 3 sealed bids were received in response to RFP 2020-01 Refinish of Station 4's bay floors. Director Simmons opened the sealed bids and read them into the minutes as follows: (1) Stonhard, St. Louis, MO – Bid for completion at one time \$34,395.00; for completion in 2 sessions \$37,850.00; MVT Mitigation System included in bids. (2) The PaintSmiths of St. Louis, Inc. – Bid for completion at one time \$23,100.00; for completion in 2 sessions \$24,900.00; add \$3,600.00 for urethane topcoat; \$5,400.00 for MVT. (3) Missouri Terrazo, St. Louis, MO: Bid for completion at one time \$29,611.75; for completion in 2 sessions \$34,100.50; \$6,750.00 for MVT. Discussion held. The bids will be reviewed with a recommendation brought to the Board at the February 27, 2020 Board Meeting.

Chief Vineyard discussed the PulsePoint Respond app that can be used by citizens to assist in responding to a cardiac arrest in a public setting. St. Louis County is using this app and it is a proven system. The District holds CPR-AED classes once per month, and we could make this app available to participants in those classes who receive their 2-year CPR-AED card; it would be the citizen's decision whether to download the app; the app alerts a person on the registry within a quarter mile of a cardiac arrest situation in public venues. A person must be CPR certified to get on the registry. Chief Vineyard stated it would be much cheaper if all St. Charles County goes together. The initial set up for St. Charles County could be \$10,000.00, with an annual maintenance fee thereafter, possibly costing each department under \$2,500 per year after set up. Discussion held. A motion was made by Director Laughlin for Chief Vineyard to move forward with PulsePoint Respond, 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.

LABOR MANAGEMENT

Chief Vineyard stated the labor management committee reviewed the policy on wearing jewelry on duty and after discussion are recommending revocation of the policy. Discussion held; Assistant Chief Moore stated there doesn't appear to be a safety issue; just common sense needed. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve revocation of Policy #336-Wearing of Jewelry, per Chief Vineyard and Labor Management's recommendation, effective immediately, 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.

Chief Vineyard stated the Battalion Chief promotional process is on hold until the revised policy is approved. The policy is being posted now, and labor management will have a recommendation for approval of the revised policy at the February 27, 2020 board meeting.

OPERATIONS

No report.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

A motion was made at 7:34 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; 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 8:25 p.m. by Director Laughlin to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, 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.

Director Laughlin announced that Firefighter-EMT/P Chad Ham has been hired with a start date of February 24, 2020.

Attorney Bruntrager discussed the current MACFPD organization and the need for its bylaws to be re-done, and explained his concerns, and recommended possibly walking away from that organization and beginning a new organization with firm bylaws regarding elections, terms in office, requiring minutes of all meetings, etc. All issues will be discussed further at the March MACFPD pre-conference. Board members are unable to attend, but Chief Vineyard will be at the conference.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 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:

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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 8:45 p.m.


William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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