



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of July 15, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on July 15, 2024, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Mosher called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

Fire Chief Mosher called Roll. Three Board Members were present: Director Jennifer Houston, Director Frank Grassmuck, and Director Chad Wilson.

Other attendees included Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Finance and Human Resources Manager Lisa Potts, Administrative Assistant Stacy Krieger. CPA Rognan was also present.

Director Grassmuck motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Wilson seconded it. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

On a motion from Director Grassmuck and a second from Director Wilson, the July 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, and Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the June Financials, The bench mark is 50%, the district is 1.3% over budget or \$226,444. Last year at this time we were 2.77% over budget. Historically, the district trends down, many line items are funded early in the year, and even out. CPA Rognan did remind the board, growth in our district is slowing down. There was 1% growth in the county which is the lowest in 10 years. He also reminded the board of Senate Bill 190, which freezes, seniors property tax rates. The district has 8.85 months in reserve, which is where the district was last year at this time. CPA Rognan's recommendation was to continue to stay conservative.

**Old Business:**

Chief Mosher provided an update on the ESO transition from ER, indicating that incidents are being tracked in ESO, inventory is being moved over and in September inspections, and permitting will be used.

**New Business:**

CPA Rognan discussed the Tax Rate Hearing indicating is preliminary set for September 12th at 4:30. The tax rate will stay the same \$0.5798 General, \$0.0900 Debt Service (Total \$0.6698). New construction is slowing significantly.

**Officers Report:**

Chief Mosher informed the board he attended a lithium ion class over the weekend. He stated this is a great deal to learn for managing these incidents, he also stated the management will have an effect on turnout gear and equipment. Our District already has businesses with banks of lithium ion batteries, as well as many power tools are utilizing this technology. Chief Mosher shared that 9854 will be attending the Captain Cova from Affton's funeral. 9815 is still in Nebraska having the warranty issue repaired. 9824 is at Sentinel getting fixed from the rear-end incident, and will have the axle housing repaired as well, this was not related to the incident. Chief Mosher verified the next meeting is at 3:45 on July 25th. He also informed the board he and Finance and Human Resource Manager Lisa Potts met with Stiffel to discuss a timeline for the future. CPA Rognan reiterated the vendors the district has a great value and work well together to help propel the district's future.

Assistant Chief Scott was not present.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee provided the board with a show and tell of pictures of various inspections he has completed in the past few weeks. Director Wilson particularly interested in the firework display pictures and did not realize these were monitored before and during the set off.

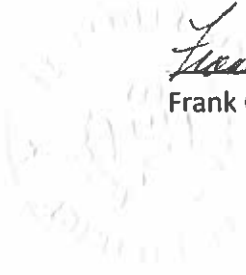
Battalion Chief Browder was not present.

Legal Counsel was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller was not present.

Finance and Human Resource Manager Lisa Potts reported, on the fraud checks that have been presented and indicated there were none as of today. The system with St. Louis Bank is quite beneficial.

On a motion of Director Grassmuck, seconded by Director Wilson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 am. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck- aye, and Director Wilson- aye.



*Frank Grassmuck*

Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

*Stacy Krieger*

Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary

