



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of August 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on August 10, 2023, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

Chief Schneider called Roll. Two Board Members were present Director Jennifer Houston-present and Director Frank Grassmuck-present.

Also in attendance were Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Acting Battalion Chief Ryan House, Shop Steward Max Mueller and Assistant Shop Steward Bryan Notheis, as well as CPA Rick Rognan and Chad Wilson

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Director Houston and a second from Director Grassmuck. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Director Houston and second of Director Grassmuck, the regular meeting minutes of July 31, 2023, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

There were no questions on the bills, which were approved on a motion of Director Houston and second of Director Grassmuck. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan Financials.

He discussed the upcoming public hearing on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He stated that post-BOE numbers will sent out in the next three weeks. He confirmed that Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 still works and will get published. There is a 23% increase in new construction and 10% in personal property; the district will be at almost 3 Billion in assessments. The district is encroaching on being the largest in the state above Monarch and Melville. The general fund will be \$0.5816, and the debt service will remain the same at \$0.0900, the new rate being proposed is \$0.6716. \$0.583 cents rolled back on the general fund.

Financials for July 2023. The district is .31% over budget or \$49,285 at this time. The district is trending in the right direction. He discussed the Summary of Revenue and Expenses; revenues are better than what was budgeted. 6.43% over what was budgeted for 2023. On the expense side, IT is at 98.62% tight but still will make it: health and safety are the physicals which is a matter of timing as well. Dues and Subscription are exactly where they were last year. Timing has a lot to do with the categories being over. Vehicle maintenance could go over by the end of the year. He discussed the reserves, a snapshot of what will be available at the end of the year. He stated that the reserve has increased

33.78% in a short time. He commended the leadership for a great job in building the reserve. There will be close to 10 months in reserves at the end of the year. Chief Schnieder indicated the leadership will look at the reserves again in November or December and discuss contributions to lessen pension liabilities. Chief Schneider asked the board to approve the second budgeted pension payment. The board agreed. Director Grassmuck and Director Houston spoke about the overages on the vehicle maintenance line item being over.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

No New Business.

**Officers Report:**

Chief Schneider stated he discussed his item under the Financial report regarding the timing of the second budgeted pension payment.

Assistant Chief LeDoux has nothing to report.

Deputy Chief Scott was not present.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was not present.

Acting Battalion Chief Ryan House had nothing to discuss. Battalion Chief Meyer was on vacation.

Shop Steward and Assistant Shop Steward have nothing to report.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Board Reports: August 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm and August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

The board adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm on a motion of Director Grassmuck and seconded by Director Houston. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary