



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of September 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on September 14, 2023, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief John Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. following the tax hearing.

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.

Other attendees included Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin, CPA Rick Rognan, as well as Mr. Chad Wilson, and several firefighters.

Chief Schneider asked if the Swearing-in of Chad Wilson to Board Seat B could come first on the agenda before any other report. On a motion by Director Houston and a second from Director Grassmuck, the agenda was approved, immediately going into the Swearing-in of Chad Wilson to Board Seat B. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin conducted the Oath of Office for Chad Wilson, who has been appointed to the board to fulfill Board Seat B vacated by Robert E. Hawkins. Mr. Wilson solemnly swore to the oath conducted by Legal Counsel McLaughlin. Mr. Wilson was welcomed and business proceeded as stated in the agenda. Mr. Wilson will be the treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Wentzville Fire District, Jennifer Houston is the Chairwoman of the Board, and Frank Grassmuck is the Secretary of the Board.

On a motion of Director Houston and second of Director Grassmuck, the regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2023, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

There were no questions on the bills. Director Houston motioned to approve the bills as presented. Director Wilson seconded. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the August Financials, stating we are eight months in, and the benchmark is 66.6%; the district is at 65.10% or 1.5% under budget, which is \$238,478 under budget. History shows we are trending to be below budget. He discussed the summary of revenue and expenses. 107.30% of revenue has been collected. CPA Rogan reported building permits are doing very well. The over-budget categories are timing issues, except for vehicle maintenance, which will most likely be over. CPA Rognan commended great bottom-line management. He discussed a snapshot of reserves and indicated the district can expect 82% of expenses in reserve at the end of 2023 as it looks today.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

The Board was asked to Adopt Resolution 23-04 to set the Tax Rate for Budget Year 2024. CPA Rognan presented the tax rates in the Tax Rate hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Chief Schneider read Resolution 23-04 in the short form:

WENTZVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. _____23-04_____

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of St. Charles County, Missouri, at a public hearing held September 14, 2023, discussed the financial affairs and expenses for the Wentzville Fire Protection District's 2024 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing is required by the Missouri Revised Statutes concerning the proposed budget and tax rate with said Public Hearing being held on September 14, 2023, and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of St. Charles County, Missouri, after study of the District's finances and contingent expenses for 2024, which includes general operating and debt service expenses, have arrived at a regular tax levy for the 2023 tax year for utilization in the 2024 fiscal year.

There were no questions on a motion of Director Houston, and second, by Director Grassmuck, Resolution 23-04 was adopted. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider invited the group to the open house on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 11-2.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided a staffing report and indicated the hiring process is open and going well.

Deputy Chief Scott discussed fall county training and stated crews will be attending training at Bayotech next week. He also informed the board that the County Officers will conduct active shooter training this month.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported 216 permits have been issued in 2023, and over 718 commercial inspections have been performed to date.


The Battalion Chief Meyer stated the district had run over 4100 calls for the year.

Shop Steward Max Mueller had nothing to report.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin gave an update on Senate Bill 190.

Board Report: The next board meeting will be September 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The board adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m. on a motion of Director Houston and seconded by Director Grassmuck
Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.



Frank Grassmuck, Secretary



Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WENTZVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

The 2023 tax levy within the Wentzville Fire Protection District, when levied upon every dollar of taxable tangible property within the Wentzville Fire Protection District shown by the last completed assessment, shall be a total of **\$0.6698 Cents** per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars assessed valuation and is broken down as follows:

1. The 2023 tax levy within the Wentzville Fire Protection District, when levied upon every dollar of taxable tangible property within the Wentzville Fire Protection District shown by the last completed assessment, shall be a total of **\$0.5798 Cents** per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars assessed valuation for the general operating expenses as provided in Sections 321.610 and 321.241 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
2. The 2023 tax levy within the Wentzville Fire Protection District, when levied upon every dollar of taxable tangible property within the Wentzville Fire Protection District shown by the last completed assessment, shall be a total of **\$0.0900 Cents** per one hundred (\$100.00) dollars assessed valuation for the purpose of providing revenue required for debt service as provided in Section 321.260 and 321.330 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.


3. Pursuant to Senate Bill 870 enacted into law by the 99th General Assembly of the Missouri Legislature and signed by the Governor, the District shall set an annual reimbursement rate for financing pursuant to Chapter 99 RSMo, Chapter 100 RSMo and Chapter 353 RSMo. **The reimbursement rate for the District beginning upon the approval of the District's tax rate shall be 100%.** Beginning August 28, 2018 and thereafter, the District shall be entitled to reimbursement from the special allocation funds as defined in Chapter 99 RSMo in the amount of 100% of the District's tax. **This applies to all tax increment financing (TIF) projects approved after August 28, 2004.** Moreover, the District shall be reimbursed an amount of 100% of the ad valorem real, personal and other tangible property tax revenues that the District would have received in the absence of a tax abatement under Chapter 100 RSMo and Chapter 353 RSMo. **These reimbursements are applicable to all tax increment financing, tax abatements and special allocation funds financing or amendments filed after August 28, 2018.**
4. A duly authenticated copy of this Resolution is to be submitted to the Collector of Revenue of St. Charles County, Missouri for collection of the tax rate upon the assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property within the District, in addition to several other taxes, as may be levied by the St. Charles County Council.

THIS RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

WENTZVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS


_____, Chairman

ATTEST:


_____, Treasurer


_____, Secretary

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