



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of November 10, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on November 10, 2022, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385 at 11:00 a.m.

Fire Chief John Schneider called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present to the Board.

Chief Schneider called roll. Three Board Members were present Director Bob Hawkins-present, Director Jennifer Houston-present, and Director Frank Grassmuck-present.

Also in attendance were Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Shop Steward Max Mueller as well as Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant Stacy Krieger, and CPA Rick Rognan

Director Hawkins motioned to suspend the regular meeting for closed session at 11:01 am. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The Board returned to open session at 11:30 am.

Director Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion from Director Hawkins, and second from Director Grassmuck, the Board Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2022, were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

There were no questions on the bills. Director Hawkins motioned to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the October Financials. Ten months in and the threshold is 83.33%. The district is at 79.0% or 4.30% under, which is \$657,634 under in dollars. Historical data show the district should be under budget at the end of the year. On the revenue side the district has made its mark, tax revenue is at 100.1%, building permits are at 105.80%. For the expenses, salary and wages are slightly over but this is timing. computer services are front loaded and should be good. Gasoline and Oil is over and will remain over. This has been talked about from early on and was anticipated with the rising cost of fuel. P&C General is over \$67.00. This is attributed to the premium for the fuel tanks added this year. There was no discussion on the report for October. CPA Rognan stated there are only two-line items slightly over, but the district is on trend to be under budget for 2022.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business.

**New Business:**

CPA Rognan presented the 2023 Preliminary budget. He stated the board will have until December 10<sup>th</sup> to review. He reminded the board this is an appropriation of funds, not an authorization to spend. CPA Rognan stated in September the tax rate was set which determined the amount of tax dollars to be brought in 2023. CPA Rognan commended the committees for their work done on putting together this budget. CPA Rognan informed the board that the expenses added over 2022 are \$592,420. CPA Rognan went through the Debt Service budget, indicating this is solely for retiring bonds. The fees with this account will remain the same while interest will be up, allowing for retirement of future bonds. CPA Rognan reviewed the Capital Improvement budget. He informed the board there is \$330,663 remaining with allocations to spend \$27,800 of that in 2023. Chief Schneider did inform the board the committee is still assessing technology for the training room to help the trucks to remain in service during station wide training. He will have a proposal for the technology prior to the board having to approve the budget on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Officers' Report:**

Chief Schneider no report.

Assistant Chief LeDoux no report

Deputy Chief Scott was not present.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was not present.

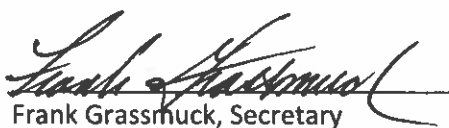
Battalion Chief Browder was not present.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin no report.

Shop Steward Mueller no report.

There was nothing from the board.

Director Grassmuck motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:53 am and second of Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary