



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of March 25, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on March 25, 2021 via video conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic and current CDC restrictions.

Chief John Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

Roll Call: Chief John Schneider called roll. All Board Members were present Director Bob Hawkins-present, Director Jennifer Houston-present, and Director Frank Grassmuck-present.

Also, in attendance were Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, Shop Steward Max Mueller as well as Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin.

Director Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 18, 2021; the motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second from Director Houston, the closed meeting minutes of March 18, 2021 were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

**Old Business:**

Assistant Chief John LeDoux provided recommendations from Building Committee on the 11 RFPs received and read on March 18, 2021. He stated all vendors submitted were reviewed and discussed at the committee level. The recommendation are as follows: HVAC-Murphy, Plumbing-Heggemann, Electric-MR Bathe, Pest Control-Pezz Pest Control, Yard Sprinklers-Professional Irrigation Systems, Building Sprinklers-Accurate, Garage Door-Edelen, Generator-Fabick, Lawncare-Pezz Lawn Care, Cleaning-CitiWide, Fire Extinguishers-American Fire Safety. A

list of approved vendors will be placed on the district's website and attached to the minutes. There was no discussion from the board on the recommendations. Director Hawkins motioned to approve the 2021-2023 building maintenance vendors; it was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

**New Business:**

Chief Schneider presented the Non-Binding tax rate assessment prepared by CPA Rognan. He stated there is quite a big jump in assessments. However, this preliminary so there may be a difference in the fall. Per state statute it is required the district must file these preliminary non-binding tax rates. Chief Schneider provided the current ceiling rate of \$0.6734 in 2021 the general is projected to be \$0.6392. He stated debt service is currently \$0.10 and would go unchanged for 2021. The combined ceiling for 2020 is \$0.7734 and in 2021 is projected to be \$0.7392. These projected numbers indicate a rollback of \$0.0961. Chief Schneider stated to be compliant with the statute the preliminary numbers will be sent to the county in the morning. A copy of the 2021 Preliminary Estimated Non-Bind Tax Rates will be attached to these minutes.

**Officers Report:**

Chief Schneider stated members held a pension trustee election. There were three who submitted interest, however, one dropped out. Therefore, Fred Hohenshell and Pat Szarwinski will remain trustees. Chief Schneider also congratulated the City of Wentzville for the groundbreaking of the new REC Plex. He stated there was a great turnout. Chief Schneider also thanked everyone for helping at the vaccination event. Over 900 were vaccinated.

Assistant Chief LeDoux indicated with the passing of the RFPs, he will notify vendors. He also provided a COVID update stating within our district we have more than 51 people vaccinated and few still working on it.

Deputy Chief Scott was on vacation.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was on vacation.

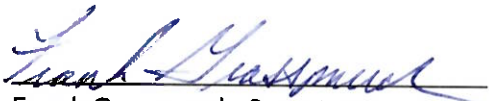
Battalion Chief Willie Meyer left for a call.

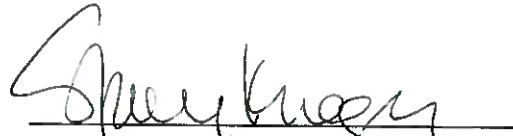
Legal Counsel McLaughlin had nothing to report.

Shop Steward Mueller left for a call.

Director Houston thanked the building committee for reviewing the RFPS and providing the recommendation. She also thanked everyone who helped on Saturday for the vaccination event, indicating it was a well put together event.

Director Hawkins motioned adjourn the regular meeting at 6:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary