



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of January 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on January 13, 2022, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385.

Chief Schneider offered a moment of silence for the St. Louis City Firefighter who lost his life in the structure fire/collapse today.

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

Open Forum: No one from the public spoke.

Roll Call: Chief 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 Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Joe Huston, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Firefighter Jim Fowler and Firefighter Paramedic Jake Plaggenburg, as well as CPA Rick Rognan and Mr. Gene Rollings.

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 of Director Hawkins and second of Director Houston, the regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2022, were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan provided the December financial statement. The district was 4.08% under or \$587,000 under. He discussed revenue and expenses; all revenue categories except interest came in on target or exceed budget. The Fire Inspection Bureau collected over a million dollars in revenue in 2021. CPA Rognan commended everyone for outstanding management of this conservative budget. He did state a few line items did go over, many were placed on watch early in the year, building maintenance over slightly as was fuel and medical supplies. Inflation, coupled with all transpiring in the year these categories were not unexpected to be over. CPA Rognan stated the district has 70.55% of expenses in reserve and this is half a month ahead of last year. Calls went up, and the district was able to stay on budget, remarkable job. CPA Rognan stated 539 calls run in December. 1068 more call than last year. He also informed the board interest rates will be coming back next year, he stated inflation needs to get under control. He advised keeping investments on the short terms to

capitalize on interest rates as they come back. Chief Schneider stated he talked with St. Charles County and tax revenue is slated for January 15th, however since that is a Saturday, the funds should be available tomorrow. Director Houston thanked everyone who put in the time managing the budget line items. Chief Schneider stated they stayed on top of the committee heads to stay within budget. He indicated he feels good where the reserve is and is very pleased where we have ended up. CPA Rognan stated when the reimbursement comes from FEMA an amended budget will be completed in May. Chief Schneider shared Keith Slusser has started working on the audit for 2021.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

No New Business

**Officers Report:**

Chief Schneider discussed the bill for Personal Property. There was a hearing today, he stated there are some issues and will be an up-hill battle and will keep working on it. Next Wednesday the benefits committee will be looking at better options for the district and our people on insurance. He also stated Stifel is looking at bond payment and bond renewals information. Chief Schneider stated he will bring Mr. Ghafoori and CPA Rognan together at a board meeting to discuss in May.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided a manpower update.

Deputy Chief Scott gave an update on the FEMA/SEMA reimbursement. He reported he was able to contact the mother of the seven-year-old who called 911 for her babysitter. He stated he would like to see a presentation in February.

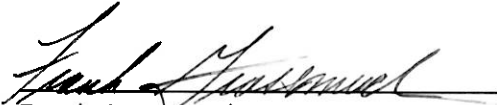
Fire Marshal Cuddihee piggy backed on CPA Rognan's report indicating the fire prevention processed 81 more permits than 2021 than in 2020. They also completed 1709 inspections. He asked the board to recognize the administrative assistants for keeping up with the processing and scheduling of these inspections. He also stated Inspector Mosher and Admin Krieger have been working in ER to ensure contacts are correct and inspections are getting done.

Battalion Chief Hutson indicated they are gearing up for the snow coming this weekend. Chief Schneider thanked BC Hutson for the sheets he is creating to keep staffing up to par. Battalion Chief Huston stated he is waiting on Kronos to transfer the data back. It has been a little over a month.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller had nothing to report.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.  
Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.



Frank Grassmuck, Secretary



Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary