

Fenton Fire Protection District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 5, 2021

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Fire Protection District (hereinafter called the "District") was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, via video conferencing originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District, 845 Gregory Lane, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth L. Viviano called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

Beth L. Viviano
Jennifer Grimes
Thomas Ascheman

Also present was:

Romona Kaminski	District Interim Chief
Daniel McLaughlin	District Legal Counsel
Chris McCarthy	Deputy Chief
Chris Thiemann	Division Chief - District Fire Marshal
Joe Boushard	Shop Steward

Chairwoman Viviano ruled that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting and closed session held on April 21, 2021 were presented and it was

Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and closed session held on April 21, 2021. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Interim Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$441,632.57. The list of bills is attached hereto and made a part hereof the minutes to the meeting. After discussion, it was

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Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman, to approve the bills for payment and ratification. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Interim Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the Treasurer's Report on balances of account, deposits, payments and transfers for the General, Ambulance, Dispatch, Pension, Capital Project 2019, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds. Balances since last meeting are:

Simmons

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of 4/21/2021</u>	<u>Balance as of 5/5/2021</u>
General	\$7,732,239.29	\$7,422,061.86
Ambulance	\$2,424,727.89	\$2,304,456.54
Dispatch	\$638,604.59	\$634,607.30
Pension	\$157,472.79	\$157,563.97
Capital Project		
2019	\$11,947,242.67	\$11,752,342.36
Debt Services	\$1,540,401.49	\$1,541,074.24
HRA	\$1,939.27	\$11,846.52
FSA	\$8,310.93	\$11,032.05

After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Chief Thiemann apprised the Board of Directors regarding the 2 House/Headquarters construction. Prior to the meeting, he had sent a letter to the Board of Directors with further information about the storm shelter issue. Division Chief Thiemann and the Architects believe the original drawings meet the intent of the code. The storm shelter is to be built for the normal daily occupancy versus what the code calculated occupancy could be. The International Code Council is willing to provide a written interpretation of the code stating the occupant load is not specified and up to the District to determine, within reason, the occupancy load of the storm shelter. The current storm shelter specification holds 80 people, which is more than normal daily operational personnel. Part of the process is to have third party peer review from another engineering company. Once this is complete, Division Chief Thiemann will schedule a meeting with the St. Louis County plan reviewer for further discussion. He does not see an issue going

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forward, except for the time to work through the process. In the meantime, Lawlor continues to prepare the site for construction. Also, during today's meeting the check was signed to begin building the live fire training tower. Division Chief Thiemann is hopeful to set a date for the ground-breaking ceremony soon.

Division Chief Thiemann reported Wally's ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2021.

Division Chief Thiemann informed the Board of Directors he continues to work through the water tap and Charter construction issues for House 3. Progress is being made and the next move-in goal is the end of May.

Deputy Chief McCarthy updated the Board on COVID related issues. He shared none of the District employees are out on COVID leave. The mass vaccination sites continue to scale back as businesses and churches are starting to drive the vaccination events. He is waiting to see what happens as vaccinations become available for adolescents between the ages of 12-15.

NEW BUSINESS

This Board Meeting did not include any new business topics.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Interim Chief Kaminski discussed the retirement ceremony held for Captain Hupfeld on Friday, April 30, 2021. There was a great turn out for the celebration. She took a moment to thank Captain Hupfeld for his years of service and dedication to the Fenton Fire Protection District, wishing him a happy and healthy retirement.

Interim Chief Kaminski congratulated Tony Schrempf on his promotion to Captain. Tuesday, May 4, 2021 was his first official shift as Captain. Captain Schrempf thanked those in attendance for their kind words and well wishes.

Interim Chief Kaminski informed the Board about personnel who were out of town attending the Executive Officer Program at the National Fire Academy and the Swift Water Class in Indiana.

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Interim Chief Kaminski reported on a four-alarm, chemical, mutual aid fire that took place in the Affton Fire Protection District. Included in the alarm response from A Crew were units 1345, 1302 and herself. Personnel on unit 1345 performed evacuation duties and served as a backup company for personnel in the hazard zone. She was also in charge of evacuations on the west side of the fire. Affton Fire Protection District and all the mutual aid companies assisting did a great job of mitigating the incident with no lives lost.

SHOP STEWARD'S REPORT

Shop Steward Boushard advised he had nothing to report at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:26 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting for purposes of going into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) and (3) RSMo. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman to go into closed session for purposes of personnel to Section 621.021 (1) and (3) RSMo. Motion approved and carried 3-0, Viviano – yea, Grimes – yea; Ascheman – yea.

The closed session convened at 4:27 p.m and at 4:34 p.m. Director Grimes moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

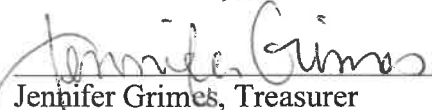
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 4:35 p.m. it was

Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted and attested to by,


Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman


Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer


Tom Ascheman, Secretary