

Fenton Fire Protection District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 12, 2022

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fenton Fire Protection District (hereinafter called the "District") was held via video conferencing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District, 845 Gregory Lane, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth L. Viviano called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

Beth L. Viviano
Jennifer Grimes
Tom Ascheman

Also present was:

Romona Kaminski	District Chief
Chris McCarthy	Assistant Chief
Daniel McLaughlin	District Legal Counsel
Chris Thiemann	Division Chief - District Fire Marshal
Brett Mueller	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 and closed meeting held December 29, 2021, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the minutes of the regular and closed meeting December 29, 2021. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$1,395,159.35. 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

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 Projects 2019, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds. Balances since last meeting are:

Simmons

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of 12/29/21</u>	<u>Balance as of 1/12/21</u>
General	\$16,368,858.91	\$17,854,763.53
Ambulance	\$5,661,112.50	\$6,154,685.22
Dispatch	\$687,963.36	\$779,084.40
Pension	\$635,203.36	\$823,804.20
Capital Projects		
2019	\$7,506,760.75	\$7,493,996.59
Debt Services	\$2,415,154.07	\$2,799,526.43
HRA	\$2,653.29	\$2,653.31
FSA	\$4,957.92	\$6,106.08

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 provided an update on the construction projects. He reviewed pictures from Station 2 of the maintenance facility and exterior walls of the crew quarters. The maintenance facility is expected to be completed by the end of the month. He is anticipating trusses will be delivered next week and wall framing to also begin. At Station 3 he is working through the last items on the punch list with the building very near completion.

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The next item of old business was the COVID report. Assistant Chief McCarthy reported 6 employees/10% of active line personnel are currently on leave due to testing positive for COVID. Expected dates of return fall between January 17 and 23, 2022. The St. Louis County Safety Plan is currently in the red level of precautions. This is done when there is a considerable increase in cases within the first responder community. On December 13, 2021, 15 first responders were in isolation due to COVID and today the number is 97. Another matrix is how many hospital beds have COVID positive patients, which increased from 500 to 1412 in the last two weeks. Hospitals are busy as witnessed by calls, but the greater problem is low staffing levels. Assistant Chief McCarthy further discussed testing capabilities, protocols and upcoming predictions for positive testing levels.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Kaminski starting a lengthy discussion regarding the PFEM Health and Welfare Trust meeting held at the Union Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Members of Administration and the Shop attended the presentation about their medical insurance offering. Dan McCloughlin shared additional information. He discussed the process put forth by the PFEM Health and Welfare Trust. Dan McCloughlin spoke to the need and value of filling out Form Fire and how that information will be used to generate insurance platforms for the Districts to review. The two main goals of purchasing insurance in a large group is for price stability and funding medical insurance for retirees in the future. He explained the five year plan initiative and the make up of the Trustee Board who would have voting rights to make insurance plan decisions. More details will be communicated as the PFEM Health and Welfare Trust continues to develop their insurance proposal.

Chief Kaminski informed the Board of Directors the Financial Disclosure Statements were prepared for their signatures. This is an annual housekeeping item and once signed they will be forwarded to the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Chief Kaminski then gave the quarterly collateralization report. All banks that currently have funds invested by the District are 100% collateralized. As of December 31, 2021, the amount of funding protected by FDIC insurance was \$997,706.34.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kaminski reiterated the need to complete Form Fire and she will be working with the two Shop Stewards to have that completed.

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Chief Kaminski spoke about the third alarm fire on Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Stratford Inn. Battalion Chief Anderson was the Duty Officer the morning of the fire. Including Fenton Fire Protection District 15 Fire Districts and Departments responded to the call. Response time to the call was five to six minutes and it was under control within two hours. There were no injuries or fatalities. Division Chief Thiemann is working with Bomb and Arson on the investigation to determine the cause of the fire. The City of Fenton aided with the use of a salt truck to help control the ice formation on the parking lot from the cold temperatures. Metro brought in a bus to use as a warming station. Shirley and Sue with SSM brought coffee and cookies for the crews. A special thank you and commendation to all those involved for assisting with this challenging incident. Other fire related incidents included mutual aid back to back fires with West County EMS and Fire Protection District.

Chief Kaminski advised a meeting with the Pension Trustee Committee and OneAmercia is scheduled for 11:00AM on Thursday, January 27, 2022. A meeting link will be sent out shortly.

SHOP STEWARD REPORT

Shop Steward Mueller reported the Fenton Fire Protection District family grew with the birth of two baby boys born to Jacob Nichols and Brandon Meyer. Both families are doing well.

Shop Steward Mueller stated he is off to a busy start over the past couple of weeks with changing COVID policies, reviewing the Health and Welfare Trust insurance meeting and restructuring of Community Outreach. He's looking forward to new events and the possibility of donating playground equipment in the Fenton area.

Shop Steward Mueller was congratulated on his new role as Shop Steward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, January 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 5:08 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting for purposes of going into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo. After discussion, it was

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

At 6:29 p.m. Director Grimes moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors announced the approval of a \$0.25 per hour increase to the two part-time Fire Inspectors.

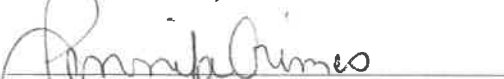
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 6:30 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