

Fenton Fire Protection District
Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 5, 2022

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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, October 5, 2022, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District, 845 Gregory Lane, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

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

ROLL CALL:

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

Beth L. Viviano
Jennifer Grimes
Thomas Ascheman

Also present was:

Romona Kaminski	District Chief
Chris McCarthy	Assistant Chief
Chris Thiemann	Division Chief - District Fire Marshal
Melissa McLaughlin	Legal Counsel
Greg Brown	Chair, Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Pool
Brett Mueller	Shop Steward

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Greg Brown was in attendance to present and discuss the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Pool. The Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Pool was created to aid the state's fire professionals and agencies to contain the human and financial burdens created by serious health issues by providing cancer benefits for 17 nationally recognized cancers that occur more frequently in the fire service occupation. Greg Brown reviewed the programs history, holistic approach, advantages for firefighters and fire protection districts and three-year premium structure. The Board of Directors thanked Greg Brown for his informative presentation and requested Brett Mueller, Shop Steward, to review the program with members of the Fenton Shop.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the regular and closed meeting held September 21, 2022, were presented and it was

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Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the minutes September 21, 2022. Motion approved and carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$508,398.27. After discussion, it was

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, Capital Projects 2022, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds. Chief Kaminski discussed a CD investment maturing today with Alliance Credit Union and other future investment considerations.

Simmons

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance as of 9/21/22</u>	<u>Balance as of 10/5/22</u>
General	\$15,633,170.09	\$15,300,042.45
Ambulance	\$6,197,703.06	\$6,093,583.48
Dispatch	\$728,606.35	\$491,509.56
Pension	\$230,309.14	\$231,078.49
Capital Projects		
2019	\$1,783,824.70	\$1,778,652.07
Capital Projects		
2022	\$5,364,015.58	\$5,319,491.55
Debt Services	\$2,090,914.90	\$2,093,831.87
HRA	\$2,857.46	\$6,020.14
FSA	\$4,132.55	\$1,483.17

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.

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OLD BUSINESS

Division Chief Thiemann provided an update on the construction of Station #2. Work continues on the training tower with the installation of gas props and propane tank. The training tower should be ready for inspection shortly. Interior work on the engine bay, crew living area and administrative offices are well under way. Appliances and furniture are ready for delivery.

Assistant Chief McCarthy indicated there were no employee(s) out with COVID.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kaminski advised the Board all documentation is submitted to the Accreditation Peer Review Team and awaiting their responses.

Chief Kaminski next advised the Board the promotional testing for Lieutenant and Captain is complete and further details will be discussed in closed session.

Chief Kaminski discussed the upcoming open house to be held at Station #3 from 12:00 – 3:00pm on Sunday, October 16. She invited members of the Advisory Committee and information will be posted on social media within the next couple of days.

Chief Kaminski requested Division Chief DiMercurio share details from an EMS call. Chief DiMercurio discussed the uniqueness of the incident and the life saving measures applied by the paramedics.

SHOP STEWARD'S REPORT

Brett Mueller, Shop Steward, informed the Board of Directors about donations from the Community Outreach to MDA for Fill the Boot and Backstoppers for their Guns in Hoses event. The Community Outreach is also making inquiries to local schools to see what is needed and how they may be able to help families this holiday season. Lastly, Brett Mueller reminded about the Golf Tournament being held on Monday, October 17.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Grimes shared a message personally received from terminated Fire Chief, Thomas Steitz. The following message was reported as harassment on Facebook and to the District Attorney, Dan McLaughlin. "Your such a horrible human being. How do you sleep at night.

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Steve deserved so much better than you in his short life. You and your “special friend” are toxic.”

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:45p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting for purposes of going into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo and Section 610.021 (3) After discussion, it was

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

At 5:56 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 promotions of Private Steve McKinney and Private Steve Clark to Lieutenant. Also announced was boring to test the concrete for replacement at Station #1 will be completed by Shannon and Wilson.

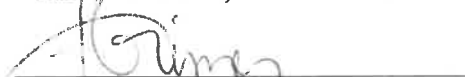
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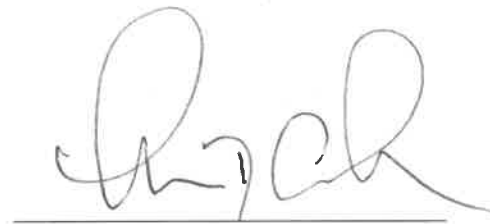
There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 5:58 p.m., it was

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