

Fenton Fire Protection District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 22, 2023

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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, March 22, 2023, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District, 1001 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth Viviano ruled that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following Directors answered Roll Call:

Beth L. Viviano
Jennifer Grimes
Tom Ascheman

Also present was:

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| Romona Kaminski | District Chief |
| Chris Thiemann | Division Chief - District Fire Marshal |
| Dan McLaughlin | Legal Counsel |
| Brett Mueller | Shop Steward |

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the regular and closed meeting held March 8, 2023, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the minutes March 8, 2023. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$435,295.73. 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

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Projects 2019, Capital Projects 2022, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds.

Simmons

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Balance as of 03/08/23</u> | <u>Balance as of 03/22/23</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General | \$18,034,752.14 | \$17,676,520.85 |
| Ambulance | \$7,470,523.01 | \$7,406,006.26 |
| Dispatch | \$679,953.08 | \$679,483.02 |
| Pension | \$1,147,853.97 | \$1,147,853.97 |
| Capital Projects | | |
| 2019 | \$653.77 | \$653.77 |
| Capital Projects | | |
| 2022 | \$5,251,019.02 | \$5,244,550.98 |
| Debt Services | \$3,923,262.69 | \$1,851,344.69 |
| HRA | \$6,235.76 | \$5,173.19 |
| FSA | \$11,377.74 | \$13,090.46 |

After discussion, it was

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

OLD BUSINESS

Division Chief Thiemann advised the Board they are continuing to work through the finishing touches on the punch list at Station #2.

Division Chief Thiemann advised the City of Fenton has allowed the use of temporary modulars at Station #1. He said Planning and Zoning meets on April 5, 2023. The District needs a Special Use Permit for the storm shelter and gear locker addition.

Division Chief Thiemann advised the Board that the Station #1 bids are due April 5, 2023. He advised lots of contractors were at the pre-bid meeting.

Division Chief Thiemann advised the City of Fenton picked up the donated furniture from Station #1 and was extremely grateful. He further advised the City of Brentwood toured the training tower as they are looking at building one for their city.

Division Chief DiMercurio advised there was currently no employees out with COVID.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rognan presented the Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate. It appears the general fund should receive approximately \$600,000, ambulance fund \$185,000 and pension fund \$58,000. After discussion,

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Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman to authorize Chief Kaminski to submit the Preliminary Non-binding Tax Rate to St. Louis County. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0.

Mr. Rognan next presented the February 2023 financial report. He indicated that with timing items the District used 13.37% of the general fund budget, or was (3.33%) under budget year to date, or (\$433,154.00); and 12.80% of the ambulance fund budget, or was (3.90%) under budget year to date, or (\$165,342.00).

Mr. Rognan indicated that for the two (2) month period year versus last year, the District had \$2,406,702.00, or 56.07% more in tax revenue and miscellaneous and bond refinancing income. The District had expenditures over revenues in the amount of \$1,842,445.00. The District has a reserve of 10.99 months compared to 8.48 last year, less future contingencies.

The report is attached hereto and made a part hereof the minutes to this meeting. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascherman to accept and approve the report and financial statements of the District as of February 28, 2023. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

Battalion Chief Mike Martin presented a report on the B Crew activities. He noted that as of today the District had run 1,149 calls. He discussed the purchase of new equipment and apparatus as well as equipping the back-up trucks. He discussed the District's new aggressive approach in certain areas of training that will make all rescues quicker, faster and more efficient.

Chief Kaminski advised the ARPA Grant Funding, in the amount of \$19,959.41 has been received for radio purchases. She noted it represents 50% of the matching grant. Chairwoman Viviano executed the required documents to accept the grant monies.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kaminski presented the Accreditation Rules and Regulations for execution and signature by Chairwoman Viviano.

Chief Kaminski next discussed the Operations Committees decisions around moving up certain apparatus, where they will be housed and response times when Station #1 construction begins. The ambulance will be moved to Station #2 while fire trucks will remain at Station #1.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board the District will recoup \$379,534.30 from GEMT but will be required to pay \$196,298.61. After discussion, it was

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Moved by Director Grimes, and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the payment of \$196,298.61 to GEMT. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0.

Chief Kaminski commented on the relationship with the City of Fenton continuing to improve and how nicely they were treated at the recent Council meeting.

Chief Kaminski next advised the Board that Lt. Joel Cooper's last day of work will be Friday, March 24, 2023. She noted he has been at the District for 27 years and will be greatly missed.

SHOP STEWARD'S REPORT

Brett Mueller discussed the IAFF v NFPA confrontation over "forever chemicals" and chemicals in turn-out gear.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:56 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 confidential or privileged communications Section 621.021 (1) and (3) RSMo. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0, Viviano – yea, Grimes – yea, Ascheman - yea.

At 5:48 p.m. Director Grimes moved to reopen the regular meeting of the Fenton Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

There was one action taken during closed session, the Board of Directors approved the potential hiring of one part-time inspector.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at 5:48 p.m., it was

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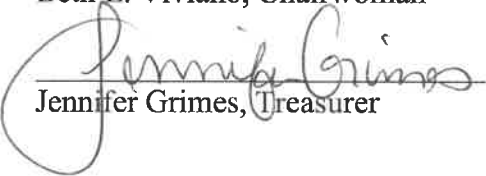
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Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to adjourn the meeting.
Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted and attested to by,



Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman



Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer

Tom Ascheman, Secretary

