# Meeting of the Board of Directors

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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 6, 2024, originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District at Fire Station 2, at 1001 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth L. Viviano 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:

Romona Kaminski

District Chief

Chris McCarthy

**Assistant District Chief** 

Chris Thiemann

Division Chief Battalion Chief

Mike Martin

Legal Counsel

Bob Mandava Legal

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 February 21, 2024, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, meeting. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

# APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$2,066,513.89. Chief Kaminski noted the large sum is the result of the \$1,738,375.00 paid for Debt Service. After discussion, it was

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Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes 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 2022, Debt Service, HRA and FSA Funds.

# Simmons

Fund	Balance as of 02/21/24	Balance as of 03/06/24
General	\$21,388,812.51	\$21,123,434.23
Ambulance	\$ 9,199,804.37	\$ 9,118,781.16
Dispatch	\$ 932,947.79	\$ 933,617.91
Pension	\$ 875,456.04	\$ 879,271.21
Capital Projects		
2022	\$ 4,943,095.08	\$ 4,935,62940
Debt Services	\$ 3,755,289.89	\$ 2,018,331.40
HRA	\$ 4,311.73	\$ 1,794.81
FSA	\$ 17,347.78	\$ 18,434.72

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 updated the Board on the status of Station #4. He advised that the construction project is currently awaiting permits. A contact was also found to assist with getting bids for the solar panels as requested by the Board at the last meeting. He cautioned that because of the expiration of rebates, ultimately the addition of panels may become cost prohibitive.

Division Chief Thiemann confirmed that the demolition work continues to progress on Station #1.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Captain Curtis Aytes presentation to the Board regarding the District's Fleet Maintenance Report was tabled to a later date.

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#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chris McCarthy discussed the invaluable assistance and support the Canteen group had at recent fire response scenes and thanked the Board for their assistance in launching this organization.

Chief Kaminski reminded the Board that the annual audit process has begun and the auditor would attend a meeting in the near future.

Chief Kaminski shared a thank you note from Kevin Wingbermuehle, of Rock Community FPD, sent in appreciation for the coverage the District provided during the funeral service of Captain Alan McClain.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further public comment or further business, at 4:24 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 (13) RSMo. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Grimes and seconded by Director Ascheman to go into closed session for purposes of legal action, personnel and confidential or privileged communications, Section 621.021 (1) and (13) RSMo. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0, Viviano – yea, Grimes – yea, Ascheman - yea

At 5:49 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 5:50 p.m., it was

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

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Respectfully submitted and attested to by,	
Beth L. Viviano, Chairwoman	
Jennifer Grimes, Treasurer	Tom Ascheman, Secretary