# Meeting of the Board of Directors

## February 12, 2025

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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, February 12, 2025, via zoom and originating at the Fenton Fire Protection District at Fire Station 2, at 1001 Assembly Parkway, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Chairwoman Beth Viviano called the meeting to order at 4:07 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 District Assistant Chief

Nick Robben Shop Steward

Aaron Cizek Assistant Shop Steward

Daniel McLaughlin Legal Counsel

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 January 29, 2025, were presented and it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to approve the minutes of January 29, 2025, meeting subject to changing date in the caption. Motion approved and unanimously carried 3-0.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Chief Kaminski presented the Board with the bills for review and payment, which totaled \$499,961.48. After discussion, it was

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

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#### 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

<u>Fund</u>	Balance as of 1/29/25	Balance as of 2/12/25
General	\$22,919,801.58	\$22,490,043.12
Ambulance	\$10,405,357.91	\$10,339,402.52
Dispatch	\$ 1,118,596.24	\$ 1,123,055.73
Pension	\$ 628,633.55	\$ 631,008.85
Capital Projects		
2022	\$ 713,812.95	\$ 713,766.26
Debt Services	\$ 2,601,442.45	\$ 2,602,574.87
HRA	\$ 4,155.02	\$ 2,840.96
FSA	\$ 20,842.40	\$ 20,634.18

After discussion, it was

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

## Fire Marshal's Report

Tabled until next Board meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Kaminski discussed the SCBA bid from Sentinel. She advised the SBCA committee to recommend accepting the bid as proposed in the amount of \$383,874.63. After discussion, it was

Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes to accept the SCBA Committee recommendation as proposed from Sentinel. Motion passed and unanimously carried 3-0.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kaminski advised the Board that the bond debt service payment will be paid in March 2025. She noted the 2019 bond will be \$1,206,625,000, and the 2022 bond will be \$574,800.00.

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Chief Kaminski next advised the Board the new #1314 will be in service next week. She advised it is currently involved in training exercises. Chief Kaminski thanked all involved for their efforts in getting the truck in service.

Chief Kaminski discussed with the Board the status of the Employee Wall. She noted it was close to completion and thanked all that had played a hand in getting it done, especially Deputy Chief Mueller for all his hard work. Chief Kaminski encouraged everyone to come take a look when they can; Director Grimes said it is amazing.

Chief Kaminski advised the Board the pinning ceremony for new hires, Privates DiPaola and Tomko was scheduled for today but was postponed with the anticipated weather and will likely be held at the February 26, 2025, Board meeting. She further advised that Lieutenant Kyle Forbuss' last day will also be the morning of February 26, 2025.

Chief Kaminski discussed several calls, especially two (2) early this morning, both of which were for newborn deliveries. She advised none of the crew members were involved with delivering either baby.

#### SHOP STEWARD REPORT

Shop Steward Nick Robben advised the Board that the Shop Awards have been completed for the upcoming Commitment Beyond the Call Ceremony.

Shop Steward Robben next advised the Board that due to several sicknesses multiple meetings have been rescheduled. He further advised the Board they are actively working with the new hires to get them acclimated to the District.

Shop Steward Robben discussed the recent mental health class that he, Private Long, Chiefs Kaminski and McCarthy attended. He indicated it was put on by NYFD Frank Leto. Shop Steward Robben said it was very enlightening.

Shop Steward Robben advised the Community Outreach will be making a \$1,000.00 contribution to Wentzville Firefighter Tommy Shine.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 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) RSMo. After discussion, it was

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

At 4:32 p.m. Director Ascheman 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 4:33 p.m., it was

*Moved by Director Ascheman and seconded by Director Grimes* 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